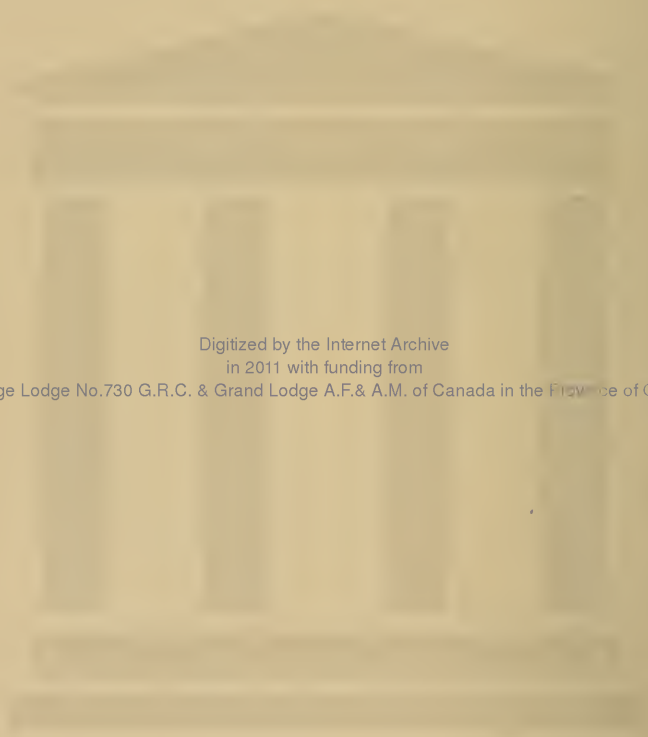




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M. W. BRO. AUGUSTUS T. FREED.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge
—OF—
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

HELD AT

Elmvale on the 31st June, 1907; at Windsor on the 8th August, 1907; at
Durham on the 16th August, 1907; at Kemptville on the 8th
October, 1907; at Meaford on the 25th May, 1908;
at Merrickville on the 17th June, 1908.

ALSO

Fifty-Third Annual Communication

HELD AT THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

ON THE

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Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the Village of Elmvale, on Wednesday,
the 31st day of June, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907.*

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray. . . .	as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. W. A. Sneath	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. W. H. Sparling	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. (Rev.) H. Brown	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. (Rev.) T. W. Leggottas	Grand Treasurer.
V. W. Bro. John H. Dickinson . . .	as Grand Secretary.
Bro. R. Peters	as Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. W. H. Wallace	as Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. Amos Train	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. R. M. Stewart	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
Bro. W. A. Upton	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. Wardell	as Grand Tyler.
Bro. A. H. Campbell	as Grand Registrar.
Bro. John Anderson	as Grand Organist.
Bro. R. Bell	} as Grand Stewards.
Bro. H. Carnahan	
Bro. T. W. Robertson	
Bro. D. Currie	
Bro. J. L. Thompson	
Bro. John Hunter	
Bro. Jas. McDermott	}
Bro. W. C. Walls	

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 3 o'clock p. m. by M. W. Bro. Murray, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of Elmvale Methodist Church, in the Village of Elmvale, County of Simcoe.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Rev. Bro. Leggott read an address to the acting M. W. Grand Master, to which a suitable reply was made, after which the ceremony of laying the corner stone was proceeded with in the presence of a large concourse of people. The Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Supt. of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 31st day of July, A. D. 1907, in the seventh year of the
reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British Dominions
beyond the seas, Defender of the Faith, Emperor
of India, etc.

His Excellency, EARL GREY, being Governor-General
of Canada.

Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieutenant-
Governor of Ontario.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion of
Canada.

Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the Province
of Ontario.

A. B. THOMPSON, M. L. A., and L. McCARTHEY, M. P.
Rev. ALBERT CARMAN, D. D., General Superintendent of
the Methodist Church.

W. A. BOYS, Esq., Warden of the County of Simcoe.
M. W. Bro. A. T. FREED. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

R. W. Bro. J. W. BETHUNE. D. D. G. M. of Georgian
District No. 9.

This Corner Stone

Of the Elmvale Methodist Church was laid by M. W. Bro.
Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary (delegated by M. W. Bro.

A. T. Freed, Grand Master), assisted by a number of
Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large
concourse of brethren and citizens of Elm-
vale and the surrounding country.

John Trace, S. Manning, A. C. Bishop, George Usher, Wm.
Preston, George Stephenson. Rev. T. W. Leggott,
J. Lillicomb, Building Committee.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity beneath the stone. The Deputy Grand Master and the acting Grand Wardens then applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The stone was then consecrated with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession being re-formed, Grand Lodge returned to the lodge room and was closed in due form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at Windsor, in the County of Essex, on
Thursday, the 8th day of August, 1907, A. L. 5907.*

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed..	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. W. F. Miller	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. P. A. Sommerville...	Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. W. H. Snelgrove	as Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. S. Buchanan	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. Alfred Miers	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. Christianson	as Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. G. Smeaton	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. F. A. P. Chadwick ..	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. J. S. Edgar	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
W. Bro. C. Koelln	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. J. Carson	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. W. Reid	as Grand Tyler.
Bro. J. Broderick	} as Grand Steward.
Bro. D. Cheyne	
Bro. Raymond Walker ...	as Grand Organist.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the several lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3 p. m. by M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Church of the Ascension (Anglican) at Windsor, in the County of Essex.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was received by Windsor Lodge, No. 403, the officers of which vacated their chairs in favor of the Grand Lodge officers.

Grand Lodge then received the following distinguished members of the Michigan Grand Lodge : M. W. Bro. Frank T. Lodge, Past Grand Master ; M. W. Bro. Gilbert, Past Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. McGregor, Grand Tyler, who made a fitting reply to their welcome.

Grand Lodge was then called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The proceedings opened by an invocation from the acting Grand Chaplain, after which the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesu's Name," was sung by the choir.

Mr. S. Lusted then read an address to the M. W. the Grand Master, to which the Grand Master made a suitable reply, after which the ceremony of laying the corner stone was proceeded with in the presence of a large concourse of people.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing on the work, the acting Grand Supt. of Works then read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone :

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe.

On the 8th day of August, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907, and the seventh year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, G. C. M. G., being Governor-General of Canada.

His Honor the Hon. SIR WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, K.C. being Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M. G., P. C., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. R. F. SUTHERLAND, K. C., M. P.
A. H. CLARK, Esq., M. P.

The Right Rev. DAVID WILLIAMS, D. D., being Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. W. H. SNELGROVE, being Rector of the Church.

E. S. WIGLE, Esq., being Mayor of the City of Windsor.

M. W. Bro. AUGUSTUS T. FREED, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. R. H. REVELL, D. D. G. M. of the First Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

Of the Church of the Ascension was laid by M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large number of brethren and citizens of the City of Windsor and surrounding places.

Rector, the Rev. W. H. Snelgrove.

Churchwardens, S. Lusted, E. T. Howe.

Building Committee—The Rev. W. H. Snelgrove (Chairman), S. Lusted, E. T. Howe, L. J. Hanes, G. K. Prowse, L. N.

Parsons, W. Humphrey, W. Beall, W. T. Turner.

J. Hogan, F. Daniel, F. Linley.

Choirmaster, E. Wilkinson.

Organist, Miss Marion Hind.

Sexton, C. Harwood.

Vestry Clerk, W. T. Turner.

Architect, J. M. Watt.

Alfred Miers, Acting Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the coins and other records in the cavity in the stone.

The D. G. Master and the Grand Wardens then applied the instruments of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well-proven, true and trusty.

Grand Honors were then given under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, after which the Grand Master gave an address.

The Rector then introduced to the Grand Master Mrs. L. J. Hanes, who presented to him a beautiful silver trowel, commemorative of the occasion, to which a fitting reply was made.

After the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." had been sung, the rector pronounced the benediction and the procession re-formed, returning to the Temple.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at Durham, in the County of Grey, on Friday, the 16th day of August, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston.....	as Grand Master.
V. W. Bro. C. H. Witthun	as Past Grand Master.
W. Bro. James McClelland.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. A. Gunn, M. D.	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. Wm. McIntyre	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Rev. R. Herbert	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. R. F. Taylor	as Grand Treasurer.
V. W. Bro. Arch Davidson	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. J. S. Ireland	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. R. O. Kilgour	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. James Ireland	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. J. P. Telford	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
Bro. Dr. F. H. Sneath	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. C. L. Grant	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. J. Hogarth	as Grand Organist.
Bro. W. G. Scott	} as Grand Steward.
Bro. George Meikle	
Bro. James Burt	
Bro. E. B. Yule	
Bro. J. J. Smith	
Bro. L. Menary	
Bro. N. McCannel	
Bro. J. F. Grant	
Bro. J. A. Graham	
Bro. J. N. Findlay	
Bro. A. McFarlane	
Bro. Simeon Young	as Grand Tyler.

Together with the Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in form at 3.25 p. m. by R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston, D. D. G. M., who announced that he had been commissioned by the M. W. the Grand Master to open this Especial Communication of Grand

Lodge, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Paul's Church (Anglican), in the Township of Egremont, County of Grey.

The summons calling the Especial Communication of Grand Lodge, and the authority in writing of the Grand Master for the D. D. G. M., to act for him, were read.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and the brethren proceeded to the locality of the building, where a procession was formed, under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and proceeded to the site in the prescribed order, the brethren taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Rector of the church, the Rev. A. A. Bice, then read the following address to the R. W. the Acting Grand Master :

Durham, August 16th, 1907.

To J. A. V. Preston, B. A., L. L. B., District Deputy Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in Wellington District No. 7, in the Province of Ontario.
Right Worshipful Sir :

On behalf of the Congregation, Wardens and Building Committee of St. Paul's Church, Egremont, we have great pleasure in welcoming you and the noble Order in which you hold such a distinguished position. We feel highly honored, and are deeply grateful to you, in having the ceremony of laying the corner stone of our new church performed by you, and under the authority of an organization so widespread, so far-reaching and so beneficent as that of Freemasonry.

The principles for which your noble Order stands are very familiar to those for which the Church has ever stood. They are the same firm, broad, Christian principles—the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. You and your great Order are endeavoring to inculcate and further that doctrine, and we are attempting, in erecting this church, the corner stone of which you are about to lay, to more thoroughly carry out those principles and to obey the commands which the Grand Master of the Universe has laid to our charge.

We are especially pleased to have you and the other Grand Lodge officers with us on this interesting occasion, and feel honored in your acceding to our request. Again I welcome you and the members of the fraternity of Masons, to lay, with the time-honored forms and ceremonies of your Craft, the corner stone of this building, and in presenting you with this address and silver trowel, as mementoes of this event, we would express the wish that success may be continued to you in still greater measure and ever increasing prosperity.

Signed on behalf of the congregation.

A. A. BICE, B. A., Rector.

Chairman of Building Committee.

After the reply of the R. W. the Acting Grand Master, and the presentation to him, by two bright little girls, of a beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone was proceeded with in the presence of a large concourse of people.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and afterwards deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing the different coins of the realm, together with several copies of different newspapers of the County and Province, in the cavity of the stone.

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe.

On the 16th day of August, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907, and in the seventh year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, C. M. G., being Governor-General of Canada.

His Honor WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M., P. C., M. P., President of the King's Privy Council, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., M. P. P., being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

H. H. MILLER, M. P., being member of the House of Commons of Canada for the South Riding of Grey.

DAVID JAMIESON, M. D., M. P. P., being member of the Ontario Legislature for the South Riding of Grey.

WALTER HASTIE, Esq., being Reeve of the Township of Egremont.

The Right Rev. DAVID WILLIAMS, M. A., D. D., L. L. D., being Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Huron.

Rev. A. A. BICE, B.A., being Rector of Durham and Egremont. Wardens, John Queen and William Davis.

Building Committee—Rev. A. A. Bice, B. A. (Chairman), William Davis, William McFadden, James Eden, Robert Mathews (Treasurer).

M. W. Bro. AUGUSTUS T. FREED, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. J. A. V. PRESTON, B. A., LL. B., being D.D.G.M.
of the 7th Masonic District.
M. W. Bro. HUGH MURRAY, being Grand Secretary Grand
Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Canada.

This Corner Stone

Of St. Paul's Church was laid by R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston,
B. A., LL. B., D. D. G. M., acting for the Grand Master,
assisted by the Grand Lodge officers and in the pres-
ence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabi-
tants of the Township of Egremont, County
of Grey.

The acting Deputy Grand Master and acting Grand
Wardens applied the implements of their respective
offices to the stone, and after it had been properly placed
in position they announced that the Craftsmen had done
their duty.

The acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone
with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made,
truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

The Grand Honors were then given, under the direc-
tion of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the
acting Grand Master delivered an address.

Bro. Dr. Jamieson, M. P. P., and Mr. H. H. Miller,
M. P., also addressed the assembly. after which the
rector, Rev. A. A. Bise, made a fitting reply on behalf of
the congregation.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing.
the procession was re-formed, and the brethren returned
to the lodge room, when Grand Lodge was closed in form
at 10 o'clock p. m.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the Village of Kemptville, on Tuesday,
the 8th day of October, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907.*

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed Grand Master.

(The list of officers was lost.)

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3.30 o'clock p. m. by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge was called to assist him in laying the corner stone of Leslie Memorial Hall.

W. Bro. P. T. Smith, W. M. of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, then read an address of welcome and presented the Grand Master with a handsome silver trowel, suitably inscribed.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 8th day of October, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907, and the 7th year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, etc.

His Excellency EARL GREY, being Governor-General
of Canada.

Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieutenant-
Governor of Ontario.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER, being Premier of the Dominion of
Canada.

Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the Province of
Ontario.

The Most Reverend ARTHUR SWEETMAN, D. D., D. C. L.,
Archbishop of Ontario, being Metropolitan of the
Province of Canada and Primate of all Canada.

The Right Reverend WILLIAM LENNOX MILLS, D.D., D.C.L.,
being Lord Bishop of Ontario.

The Very Reverend J. C. FARTHING, D. D., being Dean of
Ontario.

The Venerable W. B. CAREY, D. C. L., and the Venerable
J. K. MacMORICE, D. D., being Archdeacons.

The Rev. H. B. PATTON, M. A., being Rural Dean of
Grenville.

The Rev. C. P. EMERY, being Rector of Kemptville.

The Rev. W. P. REENE, B. D., being Vicar of Kemptville.

J. D. REID, Esq., M. D., being member for Grenville in the
Parliament of Canada.

G. H. FERGUSON, Esq., L. L. B., being member for Grenville
in the Legislature of Ontario.

A. LANGSTAFF, Esq., being Reeve of the Village of
Kemptville.

M. W. Bro. A. T. FREED, being Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of
Ontario.

R. W. Bro. E. A. GEIGER, being D. D. G. M. of the St.
Lawrence District, No. 15.

This Corner Stone

Was laid by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, assisted
by the Grand Lodge officers, and in the presence of a large
concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the Village
of Kemptville and surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial
containing coins, newspapers and other records in the
cavity beneath the stone. The acting Deputy Grand
Master and the acting Grand Wardens then applied the
instruments of their office to the stone after it had been
placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had
done their duty. The stone was then consecrated with
corn, wine and oil and pronounced well made, truly laid,
well proven, true and trusty.

The Grand Master then delivered an address on the Symbolism of the Corner Stone. Grand Honors were given, and the acting Grand Chaplain invoked a further blessing. The procession being re-formed, Grand Lodge returned to the lodge room and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST:



Hugh Murray

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

*At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of On-
tario, held at the Town of Meaford, on Monday, the
25th day of May, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908.*

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed	Grand Master.
W. Bro. T. W. Todd	as Past Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. W. Bethune	Dis. Dep. Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. F. D. Kent.	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. W. H. Wright	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. J. D. Hamill	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. A. Cameron	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. Robt. McKnight	as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. Wm. Reekie	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. D. Rutherford	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. L. Cornwell	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
W. Bro. Ed. McKay	as Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. James Sparling	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. A. Burritt	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. W. J. Bellamy	as Asst. Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. F. A. Clarke	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. G. S. Rogers	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. L. F. Boyd	as Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. John Miller	as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. J. A. Richardson	
W. Bro. F. H. Finley	
W. Bro. E. E. Miller	
W. Bro. J. P. Bunt	
Bro. Geo. H. Hair	
Bro. H. N. Hartman	as Grand Tyler.
Bro. James Gilson	
Bro. W. J. McCracken....	

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3 o'clock p. m. by the M. W. Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been

called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Meaford Methodist Church.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone :

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 25th day of May, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908, and the 8th
year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the
Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of
India.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, C. M. G., being Governor-
General of Canada.

His Honor SIR WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being
Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M. G., P. C.,
M. P., President of the King's Privy Council, being
Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, M. P. P., K. C., being Premier of
the Province of Ontario.

J. W. HORSLEY, Esq., being Mayor of the Town of
Meaford.

Rev. J. C. SPEER, D. D., being President of the Toronto
Conference of the Methodist Church.

Rev. W. F. CAMPBELL, M. A., Ph. D., being Pastor of the
Meaford Methodist Church.

Quarterly Board—Mrs. C. M. Culbertson, Mrs. F. A. Mott,
E. Williamson, R. Agnew, E. Sewell, V. Oppenheiser, J. D.
Hamill, S. A. Gray, T. E. Bennett, M. D., E. Y. Godfrey, Homer
Reid, S. McClain, W. W. Stephen, R. J. Coveney, F. Kent, E.
Milligan, O. W. Reid, F. Rumsey, M. Hart ; Oscar Boden, Re-
cording Steward.

Trustees—Oscar Boden, C. A. Farrar, J. D. Hamill, E. Y.
Godfrey, James Sparling, T. E. Bennett, M. D., Homer Reid,
W. W. Stephen, F. Kent, E. Sewell ; S. A. Gray, Recording
Secretary.

Building Committee—C. A. Farrar, E. Y. Godfrey, W. W.
Stephen, F. Kent, S. A. Gray, Homer Reid ; Oscar Boden,
Secretary.

Architect—J. S. Russell. Contractor—James Sparling.
M. W. Bro. AUGUSTUS T. FREED, being Grand Master of
the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the
Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. J. W. BETHUNE, being D. D. G. M. of the 9th
Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

Was laid by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the Town of Meaford.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity beneath the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master then applied the instruments of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M. W. Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession then re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST:



R. H. Gunning
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Town of Merrickville, on Wednesday, the 27th day of June, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. E. A. Geiger	as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. G. B. Magee	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. John R. Reid	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. J. F. Graham	as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. T. Austin Smith	..as Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. R. W. Watchorn	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. G. T. Martin	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. Smith	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. H. Fulford	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. A. S. Knapp	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
R. W. Bro. S. Shaw	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. T. W. Cumbers	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. J. E. Angus	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. G. W. Elliott	.....
W. Bro. A. A. Chapman	.....
W. Bro. G. H. Ferguson	.....
W. Bro. H. Bustard	.....
W. Bro. R. Hawkins	.....
W. Bro. J. D. Reid	.....
W. Bro. J. Cranston	.....
W. Bro. Robt. Edwards	.....
W. Bro. G. W. Chapman	as Grand Tyler.

} as Grand Stewards.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in form at 11 o'clock a. m. by R. W. Bro. E. A. Geiger, acting for the M. W. Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of assisting him to lay the corner stone of the new Trinity Church (Anglican).

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was

called off, a procession formed under the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone.

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe.**

On the 17th day of June, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908, the 8th year
of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII,

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and
Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of
Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, G. C. M. G., being Governor-
General of Canada.

His Honor SIR WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, Kt., K. C.,
Being Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M. G., P. C.,
being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, D. C. L., being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

A. E. BAKER, being Reeve of Merrickville.

The Right Rev. WILLIAM LENNOX MILLS, D. D., D. C. L.,
being Bishop of Ontario.

The Rev. John H. H. Coleman, M. A., being Rector of
Merrickville.

Church Wardens—J. M. Church, J. L. Nicholson.

Building Committee—J. H. R. Coleman, S. Jakes, R. W.
Watchorn, C. W. Postlethwaite, B. Mosher, J. H. Boyd,
J. Wylie, J. C. Jakes.

Contractors—Wm. H. Newman, S. J. Wilson.

M. W. Bro. A. T. FREED, being Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province
of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. E. A. GEIGER, being D. D. G. M. of the
15th Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

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G. M., assisted by the Grand Officers, and in the presence
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Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At the Fifty-third Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Niagara Falls, commencing Wednesday, the fifteenth day of July, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. Daniel F. Macwatt.

R. W. Bro. John R. Reid	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. P. A. Somerville	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. C. H. Rich	Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C.	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. R. W. Hull	Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. James Cheyne	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Walter Rowan	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedler	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. F. P. Warne	Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. James A. Smith	Grand Supt of Works.
R. W. Bro. John Hoodless	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. Robt. Pye	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. Kenneth Montgomery	|
V. W. Bro. John Miller	.....|
V. W. Bro. F. T. Daville	.....| Grand Stewards.
V. W. Bro. W. B. Dalton	.....|
W. Bro. Wm. Dalton	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. R. H. Revell	Erie	District No. 1
" A. Thoman	St. Clair	" 2
" E. E. C. Kilmer	London	" 3
" H. A. L. White	South Huron	" 4
" Thomas Brown	North Huron	" 5

R. W. Bro. George Stewart	Wilson	District No. 6
" J. A. V. Preston	Wellington	" 7
" Herbert S. Griffin	.. Hamilton	" 8
" J. W. Bethune	Georgian	" 9
" Geo. H. Pettit	Niagara	" 10
" W. H. Shaw	Toronto West	" 11
" W. R. Cavell	Toronto East	" 11a
" Wm. Williamson	.. Ontario	" 12
" C. A. Lapp	Prince Edward	" 13
" Wm. Jackson	Frontenac	" 14
" E. A. Geiger	St. Lawrence	" 15
" R. W. Kenning	Ottawa	" 16
" J. H. Perry	Algoma	" 17
" C. A. Haentschel	Nipissing	" 18
" J. E. Fisher	Muskoka	" 19
" Duncan Walker	Otonabee	" 20
" John Smith	Eastern	" 21

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson	...England.
R. W. Bro. A. J. Young	Alberta.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn	British Columbia.
M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. Gibson	...Quebec.
R. W. Bro. L. Secord	New Zealand.
R. W. Bro. G. S. May	Queensland.
M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt	South Australia.
R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson	...Victoria.
M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed	New York.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler	Arizona.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	...Connecticut.
M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson	...District of Columbia.
M. W. Bro. W. R. Whyte	Georgia.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Flock	Idaho.
R. W. Bro. A. Shaw	Illinois.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid	Kansas.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt	Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. Aubrey White	Maryland.
R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt	Nebraska.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea	New Mexico.
R. W. Bro. John Hoodless	North Carolina.
R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell	Oklahoma.
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone	South Dakota.
R. W. Bro. Jas. McLaughlin	Tennessee.
R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke	Vermont.
M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding	West Virginia.
R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin	Belgium.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins	Hungary.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope	Peru.
R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper	Porto Rico.

The above named Grand Representatives were received and welcomed by the M. W. the Grand Master, and were accorded Grand Honors.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, Henry Robertson, J. Ross Robertson, W. R. White, Hon. Wm. Gibson, E. T. Malone, J. E. Harding, J. H. Burritt.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters—R. W. Bros. J. G. Bottomley, John Hoodless, Gavin Stewart, W. J. Drope, Wm. Forbes, C. H. Connor, Donald Ross, J. A. Tancock, Aubrey White, G. J. Bennett, W. G. Eakins, F. W. Harcourt, E. B. Brown, R. L. Gunn, R. G. W. Conolly, D. B. Simpson, S. Amsden, John Malloy, W. G. Reid, W. Birrell, Thos. McCallum, G. S. May, S. A. Luke, Geo. C. Holden, Lyman Lee, J. C. Hegler, F. C. Martin, Jas. McLaughlin, W. T. Toner, A. Shaw, Wm. Jackson, W. H. Walkey, B. J. Leubsdorf, W. D. Garner, Jas. Smiley, Jas. Ross, T. A. Simpson, F. Guest, J. G. Liddell, W. N. Ponton, Geo. Malcolm, R. W. Longmore, G. A. Aylesworth, J. Crow, Wm. Rea, W. G. Stephenson, P. W. D. Brodrick, Robt. Irvine, A. W. Cryslar, S. S. Clutton, R. N. Fraser, T. D. Minnes, J. C. Bartle, R. Mahoney, S. McWhorter, J. E. Francis, R. Guest, W. H. Wright, A. M. Cunningham, W. D. McPherson, Isaac Huber, N. B. Colcock, C. V. Emory, R. F. O'Neil, E. S. Wigle, J. B. Way, A. Carmichael, A. J. Anderson, W. H. Shaw, J. B. Nixon.

Past Grand Senior Wardens—R. W. Bros. W. G. Eakins, J. A. McLaughlin, F. J. Howell, H. A. Taylor.

Past Grand Junior Wardens—R. W. Bros. Wm. Forbes, A. E. Cooper, H. T. White, A. K. Wanless, R. V. Mathews.

Past Grand Registrars—R. W. Bros. J. C. Boyd, W. D. Tye, E. C. Davies.

Past Grand Senior Deacon—V. W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman.

Past Grand Junior Deacons—V. W. Bros. J. G. Forgie, H. T. Smith.

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies—V. W. Bro. H. Hyndman.

Past Assistant Grand Secretary—V. W. Bro. Chas. Lemon.

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies—V. W. Bros. E. W. M. Flock, A. G. Horwood.

Past Grand Superintendent of Works—V. W. Bros. John B. Hay, A. C. Rorabeck.

Past Grand Pursuivant—V. W. Bro. John Newton.

Past Grand Stewards—V. W. Bros. H. A. L. Anderson, D. A. Graham, James Old, Thomas Pedler.

Past Grand Standard Bearers—V. W. Bros. Thos. Newton, W. J. McAllister, R. Sloggett, M. G. Burwell, J. H. Dickinson, F. D. Diamond, J. K. Jones, N. Shafley, W. A. Clark, O. J. Bridle, E. H. Elliott, J. T. Hollinshead.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge Mr. R. F. Carter, Mayor of the City of Niagara Falls, was introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and delivered the following address of welcome :

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND GENTLEMEN :

Let me first thank you for the compliment you have paid me in inviting me to be present with you in my official capacity as Mayor of the city, and in that capacity permit me, on behalf of the Municipal Council and citizens generally, to extend you a cordial and hearty welcome to Niagara Falls, and as is the usual custom to offer you the freedom of the city. We can assure you we are pleased and gratified at the fact of you having chosen this as your place of meeting on this occasion, and we sincerely thank you for the honor you have conferred upon us in your choice. We think your choice was well made, and that you were well advised when making it, as Niagara Falls is favorably situated as a convention city, giving the conventionist an opportunity of combining business with the pleasure of viewing and studying that wondrous work of nature, the Mighty Niagara, as well as many other points of scenic and historic interest in our neighborhood. Your local brethren have been able, through the courtesy of the different power companies, to obtain for you the privilege of visiting their gigantic installations, which will be of interest to those at least who are of a mechanical turn of mind, and give them an opportunity of seeing what man has been able to accomplish in harnessing and controlling these mighty forces for his benefit and convenience.

No doubt, Most Worshipful Sir, it would be quite in order at this point, were I not a member of the Order, to express some sentiments of a complimentary nature, but as a member I feel some hesitancy in doing so, but I can assure you as a Past Master of the Order, I am well aware of, and highly appreciate, the noble work in which it is engaged, and it is one of the greatest pleasures of my life, when an opportunity offers, of assisting in the work of teaching and disseminating, and I hope practicing, those grand principles upon which our Order is founded. Again, Most Worshipful Sir, let me extend to you a most hearty welcome, and again thank you for the honor bestowed upon us in your choice of Niagara Falls as your place of meeting on this occasion.

To which the Grand Master replied as follows :

MR. MAYOR:

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, I thank you most heartily for your kind and hospitable greeting. It is gratifying to us to be welcomed by one who is not only the chief executive officer of the City of Niagara Falls, but who is also a brother and a ruler in our craft. Grand Lodge is very fortunate in being able to meet in so beautiful a place as Niagara Falls, made wonderful by one of the marvels of nature, and made beautiful by the hand of man. We are also grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe because we have been favored by such fine weather. Nor do we forget, Mr. Mayor, that we are meeting on historic ground. On this very spot the soldiers of our King and the citizen soldiers of Canada fought a most desperate and bloody battle to preserve the liberties of our country. We should never forget the debt of

gratitude we owe to our forefathers for the sacrifices they made to preserve for us the blessings we now enjoy. Neither do we forget that at Niagara Falls that convention met which resolved to form the Grand Lodge of Canada. The preliminary steps were here taken which were carried to completion a few months later at Hamilton. On all accounts, therefore, we should rejoice that the Grand Lodge has the privilege of meeting this year in your beautiful city. For the excellent arrangements made by the local brethren, and citizens for our accommodation and entertainment, I beg to tender to you, Mr. Mayor, the warmest appreciation of the members of Grand Lodge.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at eleven o'clock a. m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

HISTORIC GAVEL.

At the request of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Historian of the Grand Lodge, gave the following history of the gavel with which Grand Lodge was opened :

The gavel which the M. W. the Grand Master has just used to open Grand Lodge has some historic value, and is of special interest to you, my brethren, at this the meeting of Grand Lodge held in the old Niagara district.

A hundred and sixteen years ago Gen. John Graves Simcoe inaugurated the first government of the Province of Upper Canada at the old town of Niagara, fourteen miles from where we now meet. He came from Exeter, in Devon, England, and this gavel was that used on the night of his initiation and passing in Union Lodge, Exeter, in December, 1773. and at his raising in January, 1774. Little did Bro. Simcoe think, when he resided at the old town of Niagara, that 116 years later the gavel that was used when he was made a Mason would be used again at a Grand Lodge in his old province. at which 800 of the brethren attended.

It was always a tradition that Gen. Simcoe was a Mason, but proof was not available. With the assistance of Bro. W. J. Hughan, the distinguished Masonic historian, I found an old record of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon showing Simcoe's initiation. It was a small printed book, picked out of a thousand that were for sale in a large library. This was ten years ago.

Then I searched for the minutes of Union Lodge, and last year, after being hidden away in a deed box in a bank vault in Exeter for over eighty years, these records were found intact. The records were complete. Then three months ago the proprietor of the ancient Globe Tavern in the cathedral yard found the old desk of Union Lodge in the attic of the old hotel, and on opening it found this gavel, which was, beyond doubt, that used in Union Lodge.

W. Bro. Andrew Hope, an enthusiastic Exeter Mason, was good enough to send the gavel to me. I need hardly say that I had much pleasure in suggesting to the Grand Master that it would be fitting, on such an occasion as this, that the gavel should be used for opening the Annual Communication, and acceding with pleasure to my suggestion the Grand Master enabled you, my brethren, to rise at the call of this treasured relic of the days of long ago.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro. Stewart McWhorter, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of representatives and proxies from lodges, reported that there were 401 warranted lodges on the register; 320 are represented, 81 are not represented. There are 779 names registered, having a total of 1,438 votes. The following are the names of those present :

No. 2. Niagara, Niagara.

R. W. Bro. J. G. Bottomley, P. M. and Proxy ; R. W. Bro. J. DeW. Randall, V. W. Bro. H. L. Anderson, and W. Bro. W. E. Lyall, P. M's.

No. 3. The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.

V. W. Bro. W. B. Dalton, P. M. and Proxy ; Bro. D. A. Givens, S. W., and A. R. B. Williamson, J. W.

No. 5. Sussex, Brockville.

W. Bro. A. E. Shaver, W. M.

No. 6. The Barton, Hamilton.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, R. W. Bros. H. S. Griffin, John Hoodless, Gavin Stewart, T. Clappison, W. Bros. George Moore, Geo. H. Bull, R. B. Griffith, F. Johnson and Geo. Armstrong, P. M's.

No. 7. Union, Grimsby.

W. Bro. W. F. Randall, P. M. and Proxy ; R. W. Bros. W. J. Drope, Wm. Forbes, W. Bros. C. W. Harrison and C. T. Farrell, P. M's.

No. 9. Union, Napanee.

W. Bro. R. A. Croskery, W. M., and W. Bro. Rev. F. T. Dobb, P. M.

No. 11. Moira, Belleville.

W. Bro. A. E. McColl, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. John Newton and W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, P. M's.

No. 14. True Britons, Perth.

W. Bro. W. T. Hands, W. M.

No. 15. St. George's, St. Catharines.

R. W. Bro. C. H. Connor and W. Bro. A. T. Riddell, P. M's.

No. 16. St. Andrew's, Toronto.

W. Bro. J. W. Rogers, W. M. ; Bro. A. MaComb, J. W. ; V. W. Bros. Henry T. Smith and A. E. Hagerman, W.

Bros. John Pearson, J. S. Lovell, L. H. Luke, L. J. Clark,
P. M's.

No. 17. St. John's, Cobourg.

W. Bro. A. LeRoy Jex, W. M.

No. 18. Prince Edward, Picton.

W. Bro. David Barker, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. Donald Ross,
P. M.

No. 20. St. John's, London.

W. Bro. J. O. Weldon, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. A. Tan-
cock, W. Bros. Thomas Rowe, G. F. Mills, P. M's.

No. 21a. St. John's, Vankleek Hill.

W. Bro. J. A. McInnes, W. M.

No. 22. King Solomon's, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bro. J.
McKerracher, P. M.

No. 23. Richmond, Richmond Hill.

W. Bro. W. H. Legge, W. M. ; Bro. Chas. E. Hopper, S.
W. ; Bro. Robt. Shaw, J. W. ; W. Bros. P. G. Savage,
T. A. Lemon, G. B. Newberry, T. French and Thomas
Newton, P. M's.

No. 24. St. Francis, Smith's Falls.

W. Bro. J. R. Nichol, W. M.

No. 25. Ionic, Toronto.

W. Bro. H. M. Mowat, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. Geo. J. Ben-
nett, W. G. Eakins, F. W. Harcourt, E. B. Brown and
Rev. C. H. Rich, P. M's.

No. 26. Ontario, Port Hope.

W. Bro. F. H. Brown, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 27. Strict Observance, Hamilton.

W. Bro. F. T. Smye, W. M. ; Bro. A. W. Peene, S. W. ;
Bro. L. F. Stephens, J. W. ; R. W. Bros. R. L. Gunn
and F. J. Howell, and W. Bros. J. A. Yorick, G. R. Lloyd,
W. C. Morton, W. Parke, Robt. Morton, W. C. Brecken-
ridge, P. D. Carse, W. F. McGiverin, J. H. Collinson, C.
H. McIlroy, P. M's.

No. 28. Mount Zion, Kemptville.

W. Bro. P. T. Smith, P. M.

No. 29. United, Brighton.

W. Bro. A. H. Foster, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. C. A. Lapp,
P. M.

No. 30. Composite, Whitby.

W. Bro. A. T. Lawler, W. M. ; W. Bros. W. J. H. Rich-
ardson, Jos. White and T. A. McGillivray, P. M's.

No. 31. Jerusalem, Bowmanville.

W. Bro. John H. McMurtry, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. R. G.
W. Conolly and D. B. Simpson, P. M's.

No. 32. Amity, Dunnville.

W. Bro. J. R. Robb, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. S. Amsden, W.
Bros. E. J. Aikens, J. C. Eccles and A. M. Clark P. M's.

- No. 33. Maitland, Goderich.**
R. W. Bro. W. D. Tye, P. M.
- No. 34. Thistle, Amherstburg.**
W. Bro. E. A. Patton, W. M.
- No. 35. St. John's, Cayuga.**
W. Bro. J. W. Shepherd, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bros. W. T. Anthony and J. L. Barnum, P. M's.
- No. 37. King Hiram, Ingersoll.**
W. Bro. Geo. Naylor, W. M.
- No. 40. St. John's, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. James Gill, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. P. A. Somerville, John Malloy, W. G. Reid, W. Birrell, Thomas McCallum, V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, W. Bros. L. Johnson, J. E. Riddell, A. P. Nicol, J. F. Mercer, P. M's.
- No. 41. St. George's, Kingsville.**
Bro. B. S. Sheldon, S. W.
- No. 42. St. George's, London.**
W. Bro. George Batt, W. M.
- No. 43. King Solomon's, Woodstock.**
W. Bro. L. E. Edward W. M.
- No. 44. St. Thomas, St. Thomas.**
W. Bro. Geo. Geddes, W. M. ; W. Bros. D. McCall and A. Leitch, P. M's.
- No. 45. Brant, Brantford.**
W. Bro. W. Bentham, W. M. ; W. Bro. F. J. Colbeck, P. M.
- No. 46. Wellington, Chatham.**
W. Bro. W. W. Turner, W. M. ; W. Bros. F. D. Laurie and Geo. Musson, P. M's.
- No. 47. Great Western, Windsor.**
W. Bro. G. English, W. M. . Bros. J. Norbury, S. W., and F. Reid, J. W.
- No. 48. Madoc, Madoc.**
W. Bro. G. M. Wright, W. M. ; W. Bro. Harry Connor, P. M.
- No. 52. Dalhousie, Ottawa.**
Bro. J. R. Hill, S. W. ; R. W. Bros. Geo. S. May and John R. Reid, W. Bro. J. C. Scott, P. M's.
- No. 54. Vaughan, Maple.**
W. Bro. Thomas H. Keyes, W. M.
- No. 55. Merrickville, Merrickville.**
W. Bro. J. H. H. Coleman, W. M.
- No. 56. Victoria, Sarnia.**
W. Bro. A. V. Collins, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. A. K. Wanless, Bros. A. E. McDonald and W. H. Hunt, P. M's.
- No. 57. Harmony, Binbrook.**
W. Bro. E. J. Whitworth, W. M.

- No. 58. Doric, Ottawa.**
W. Bro. W. H. Graham, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. S. A. Luke, J. C. Bartram and W. Bro. H. O. E. Pratt, P. M's.
- No. 61. Acacia, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. Burwell Griffin, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. Geo. C. Holden, R. V. Mathews, Lyman Lee, and W. Bros. E. E. Linger, W. H. Wardrope, J. H. Smith, J. B. Smith, T. E. Epps, F. H. Yapp, P. M's.
- No. 62. St. Andrew's, Caledonia.**
W. Bro. James McGregor, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. James Old, P. M.
- No. 63. St. John's, Carleton Place.**
W. Bro. D. H. McIntosh, P. M. and proxy.
- No. 64. Kilwinning, London.**
W. Bro. W. A. Buchner, P. M. and Proxy ; V. W. Bro. E. W. M. Flock and W. Bros. G. W. Francis and John Paull, P. M's.
- No. 65. Rehoboam, Toronto.**
W. Bro. Alfred Davis, W. M. ; Bros. C. W. Dill, S. W., and T. S. Young, J. W.
- No. 66. Durham, Newcastle.**
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W. Bro. C. W. James, W. M.
- No. 347. Mercer, Fergus.**
W. Bro. W. A. Ross, W. M.
- No. 352. Granite, Parry Sound.**
W. Bro. S. N. Davis, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 354. Brock, Cannington.**
W. Bro. M. V. Piper, W. M.
- No. 357. Waterdown, Millgrove.**
W. Bro. John F. Vance, W. M. ; W. Bro. S. F. Smith, P. M.
- No. 358. Delaware Valley, Delaware.**
W. Bro. J. R. Hammond, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 360. Muskoka, Bracebridge.**
W. Bro. Wm. Fraser, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. Isaac Huber, V. W. Bro. F. P. Warne, P. M's.
- No. 361. Waverley, Guelph.**
W. Bro. R. S. Cull, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. W. A. Clark, W. Bros. E. A. Macdonald, E. A. Dunbar, H. C. Skinner, Arch. McLaren and Charles Law, P. M's.
- No. 362. Maple Leaf, Tara.**
W. Bro. (Rev.) H. R. Diehl, W. M.
- No. 367. St. George, Toronto.**
W. Bro. Frank Saunders, P. M. and Proxy ; V. W. Bro. A. G. Horwood, P. M.

- No. 368. Salem, Brockville.**
W. Bro. T. W. Cumbers, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. E. A. Geiger and N. B. Colcock, P. M's.
- No. 369. Mimico, Lambton Mills.**
W. Bro. R. E. Port, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 371. Prince of Wales, Ottawa.**
W. Bro. M. Rosenthal, W. M.
- No. 372. Palmer, Bridgeburg.**
W. Bro. J. W. R. Kee, W. M. ; Bro. J. W. Bond, S. W. ; W. Bros. Robt. Magwood, J. G. Watts, F. T. Pattison, J. R. Mencke, J. A. North, P. M's.
- No. 373. Copestone, Welland.**
W. Bro. David Jones, W. M. ; Bros. P. A. Hemmings, S. W., and P. A. Rice, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. G. H. Pettit, W. Bros. W. H. Crowther, Rev. G. Johnstone, P. M's.
- No. 376. Unity, Huntsville.**
W. Bro. S. A. Hutcheson, W. M. R. W. Bro. J. E. Fisher, W. Bro. D. M. Grant, P. M's.
- No. 377. Lorne, Shelburne.**
W. Bro. H. White, W. M.
- No. 378. King Solomon's, London.**
W. Bro. A. M. Trick, W. M. ; W. Bros. John Hobbs, J. S. McDougall and W. J. Element, P. M's.
- No. 379. Middlesex, Bryanston.**
W. Bro. Oscar Roberts, W. M.
- No. 380. Union, London.**
W. Bro. James Dean, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. O. J. Bridle, W. Bros. W. S. Davidson, B. Noble and G. F. Morris, P. M's.
- No. 382. Doric, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. Jas. W. Harvey, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. C. V. Emory, V. W. Bro. Jas. Cheyne, W. Bros. F. S. Corson, A. B. Clark, J. A. Locheed and D. R. Gibson, P. M's.
- No. 384. Alpha, Toronto.**
W. Bro. P. W. Rogers, W. M. ; W. Bro. James Leach, P. M.
- No. 385. Spry, Beeton.**
W. Bro. L. D. Cherry, W. M.
- No. 387. Lansdowne, Lansdowne.**
W. Bro. Geo. Stevens, W. M.
- No. 390. Florence, Florence.**
W. Bro. W. A. Kelly, W. M. ; W. Bro. J. H. Snary, P. M.
- No. 391. Howard, Ridgetown.**
W. Bro. J. G. Little, W. M. ; W. Bro. J. W. Marshall, P. M.
- No. 392. Huron, Camlachie.**
W. Bro. Jas. S. McLean, W. M. ; W. Bro. Thos. Crawford, P. M.

- No. 393. Forest, Chesley.**
W. Bro. W. T. Ross, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 394. King Solomon, Thamesford.**
R. W. Bro. R. F. O'Neil, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 395. Parvaim, Comber.**
W. Bro. Thomas Beatty, W. M. ; W. Bros. A. J. Brown and D. T. Voakes, P. M's.
- No. 396. Cedar, Wiarton.**
W. Bro. W. M. Newman, W. M.
- No. 397. Leopold, Brigden.**
W. Bro. J. W. Macdonald, P. M.
- No. 399. Moffatt, Harriettsville.**
W. Bro. S. E. Facey, P. M.
- No. 400. Oakville, Oakville.**
R. W. Bro. W. H. Robinson, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 401. Craig, Deseronto.**
W. Bro. W. Woodcock, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 402. Central, Essex.**
W. Bro. B. S. Tweedale, W. M.
- No. 403. Windsor, Windsor.**
W. Bro. H. D. Drake, W. M. ; Bros. J. Neilson, S. W., and F. M. Allworth, J. W. ; R. W. Bros. E. S. Wigle and R. H. Revell, P. M's.
- No. 404. Lorne, Tamworth.**
W. Bro. W. S. Wagar, W. M.
- No. 405. Mattawa, Mattawa.**
R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 408. Murray, Beaverton.**
W. Bro. D. E. McKenzie, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. Wm. Williamson, P. M.
- No. 409. Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.**
V. W. Bro. J. H. Elliott, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 410. Zeta, Toronto.**
W. Bro. F. W. Mathews, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, W. Bros. E. Barber and J. G. Cane, P. M's.
- No. 412. Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.**
W. Bro. T. E. Simpson, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, P. M.
- No. 415. Fort William, Fort Willam.**
W. Bro. J. Armstrong, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. J. T. Hollinshead and W. Bro. F. Symes, P. M's.
- No. 416. Lyn, Lyn.**
W. Bro. T. A. Smith, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 418. Maxville, Maxville.**
W. Bro. D. McLean, W. M.

- No. 419. Bismarck, Point Edward.**
W. Bro. O. S. Clark, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bros. J. B. Livingstone and C. A. Livingstone, P. M's.
- No. 420. Nipissing, North Bay.**
W. Bro. W. J. Johnston, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. G. J. Horning, V. W. Bro. A. C. Rorabeck, P. M's.
- No. 421. Scott, Grand Valley.**
W. Bro. S. Tate, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston, P. M.
- No. 422. Star in the East, Bothwell.**
W. Bro. A. Ellwood, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 423. Strong, Sundridge.**
R. W. Bro. A. Carmichael, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 424. Doric, Pickering.**
W. Bro. John Gormley, W. M. ; W. Bros. G. W. P. Every, R. A. Bunting, Rev. F. C. Harper, P. M's.
- No. 426. Stanley, West Toronto.**
R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bro. John Patterson, P. M.
- No. 427. Nickel, Sudbury.**
W. Bro. Wm. Mitchell, W. M. ; W. Bros. C. R. Reid and J. A. Orr, P. M's.
- No. 429. Port Elgin, Port Elgin.**
W. Bro. G. W. Smith, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 430. Acacia, East Toronto.**
V. W. Bro. John Parsell, P. M. and Proxy. R. W. Rev. Bro. W. L. Baynes-Reid, P. M.
- No. 434. Algonquin, Elmsdale.**
W. Bro. G. F. R. Richardson, W. M. ; W. Bros. J. Q. Adams, Jas. Metcalfe, A. W. Freeland, F. W. Brooks, P. M's.
- No. 435. Havelock, Havelock.**
W. Bro. Henry Pacey, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 437. Tuscan, Sarnia.**
W. Bro. John Boyd, W. M.
- No. 438. Harmony, Toronto.**
R. W. Bros. W. H. Shaw and J. B. Nixon, V. W. Bro. E. C. Davies, W. Bro. A. F. Spratt, P. M's.
- No. 440. Arcadia, Minden.**
W. Bro. D. J. Hartle, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 441. Westport, Westport.**
W. Bro. T. A. Jeacle, W. M.
- No. 442. Dymont, Thessalon.**
W. Bro. J. H. R. Elliott, W. M.
- No. 443. Powassen, Powassen.**
W. Bro. A. Oldfield, P. M. and Proxy

- No. 444. Nitetis, Creemore.**
W. Bro. W. E. Lawrence, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bro. J. A. Bell, P. M.
- No. 447. Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.**
Bro. A. D. McInnes, S. W.
- No. 449. Dundalk, Dundalk.**
W. Bro. J. W. Armstrong, W. M.
- No. 451. Somerville, Kinmount.**
W. Bro. D. H. Dawkins, W. M.
- No. 452. Avonmore, Avonmore.**
W. Bro. A. H. McMillan, W. M.
- No. 453. Royal, Fort William.**
R. W. Bro. J. H. Perry, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 454. Corona, Burk's Falls.**
W. Bro. J. W. Harris, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 455. Doric, Little Current.**
W. Bros. Jos. Ellenton, P. M. and Proxy ; J. B. Wallace, P. M.
- No. 456. Elma, Monkton.**
W. Bro. O. Duffield, W. M. ; Bro. J. R. Struthers, S. W.
- No. 458. Wales, Wales.**
W. Bro. J. D. Colquhoun, W. M. ; W. Bro. (Rev.) C. O. Carson, P. M.
- No. 459. Cobden, Cobden.**
W. Bro. A. W. Moir, W. M.
- No. 460. Rideau, Seeley's Bay.**
W. Bro. C. C. Gilbert, W. M.
- No. 462. Temiscaming, New Liskeard.**
W. Bro. C. B. Taylor, W. M. ; W. Bros. F. W. Haynes and J. H. O'Brien, P. M's.
- No. 464. King Edward, Sunderland.**
W. Bro. R. A. Purvis, W. M.
- No. 466. Coronation, Elmvale.**
W. Bro. W. J. MacGuire, W. M. ; W. Bro. W. A. Sneath, P. M.
- No. 467. Tottenham, Tottenham.**
W. Bro. A. P. Potter, W. M.
- No. 469. Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie.**
R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, P. M. and proxy.
- No. 470. Victoria, Victoria Harbor.**
W. Bro. I. S. Wardell, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 471. King Edward VII. Chippewa.**
W. Bro. H. McKenzie, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bro. R. Beamish, W. M.
- No. 473. The Beaches, East Toronto.**
W. Bro. E. F. Walker, P. M. and Proxy.

- No. 474. **Victoria, West Toronto.**
W. Bro. W. Wilby, P. M.
- No. 475. **Dundurn, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. G. H. Lanigan, P. M. and Proxy ; W. Bro. John Hooper, P. M.
- No. 476. **Corinthian, North Gower.**
W. Bro. J. H. Cryderman, W. M.
- No. 479. **Russell, Russell.**
V. W. Bro. Walter Rowan, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 480. **Williamsburg, N. Williamsburg.**
W. Bro. W. C. Whittaker, P. M. and Proxy.
- No. 481. **Corinthian, Toronto.**
W. Bro. John Stephens, W. M. ; W. Bro. W. H. Hutchinson, P. M.
- No. 482. **Bancroft, Bancroft.**
W. Bro. John Ballard, W. M.
- No. 484. **Golden Star, Dryden.**
W. Bro. W. A. Quibell, W. M.
- No. 485. **Haileybury, Haileybury.**
W. Bro. N. J. McAuley, W. M. ; Bro. F. K. Ebbitt, S. W.
- No. 486. **Silver, Cobalt.**
Bro. R. D. McLaren, S. W.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from M. W. Bros. Hon. J. M. Gibson and Benjamin Allen, and from R. W. Bros. J. A. Macfadden, A. F. Webster and F. J. Skinner.

The Grand Secretary read invitations from The Ontario Power Company of Niagara Falls, The Canadian Niagara Power Company, and The Electrical Development Company of Ontario, to the members of Grand Lodge to visit their respective plants during the stay of Grand Lodge at Niagara Falls ; also from The Frontier Amusement Company, extending the privileges of Frontier Park to the members for Wednesday evening, and was directed to make suitable replies, accepting with thanks the several kind invitations.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the side seats of Grand Lodge of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of Proceedings at the last annual communication, when it was

Moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone and

Resolved, That the minutes of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Fifty-second Annual Communication, held in the City of Ottawa on the 17th and 18th days of July, A. D. 1907, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the constituent lodges, the same be considered as read and they be now confirmed.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled :

To the Brethren of the Grand Lodge :

The year which has elapsed since the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge has been one of continued prosperity. There has been a gratifying increase in our membership; and the income of Grand Lodge has been greater than in any former year. But, above all, we have reason to be grateful for the peace that has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction and the harmony that has reigned in our Councils.

On the 31st of May, 1907, there were on our rolls 39,795 Masons in good standing. During the twelve months about 2,700 were initiated and 600 affiliated—a gross gain of 3,300. Losses by death were about 200, by suspension 215, and by resignation 258, or 673 in all. So that our total membership at the end of our year was about 42,422. These figures are not final, as some of the returns have not yet reached the Grand Secretary.

During the twelve months the revenue on general account amounted to \$38,754.80. The general receipts show an increase of \$1,089.70 over the receipts for 1907; the interest on investments of \$262.27; and the interest on bank balances of \$136.47. The Grand Lodge is most fortunate in having a Grand Treasurer who is in a position to know where favorable investments for money are to be had, whose experience and judgment qualify him to choose the safest and the best, and whose watchfulness over the interests of our treasury knows no intermission. The expenditures on general account have been \$15,412.62, as compared with \$14,201.72 in the preceding year; and the benevolent grants amounted to \$21,956.30, an increase of \$1,806.30.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

Our losses by death have been many and grievous to be borne. Two, in particular, call for more than passing remark.

Most Worshipful Brother Hugh Murray died from apoplexy on the 28th of November, 1907. He was stricken down while in his office, was conveyed to his home, and passed away two days later. After filling many offices in all branches of Masonry he was elected to the office of Grand Master in 1884, and served for two years. For four years he had been Grand Secretary. Bro. Murray was a man of whom it may be said that duty was the guiding star of his life. That which he thought he ought to do he did with his might. That which he thought he ought not to do he could not be persuaded nor forced to do. His life was a service of activity and love. His record is a record of work well done. His reward is the loving memory of all who knew him. May we not be confident that it is the benediction of his Father who is in Heaven ?

Most Worshipful Brother William A. Sutherland, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, died at Rochester, N.Y., on the 11th of March, 1908. Those who have attended the communications of this Grand Lodge for the past eight years have felt the influences of Bro. Sutherland's genius, have admired his brilliant eloquence, have been helped by his wise counsel, and have been inspired by his earnest, kindly and warm greeting. Of him Most Worshipful Bro. Townsend Scudder said: "The manhood that was in him recognized both the duty and the opportunity, and lifted service into the light and reality of Divine example and companionship."

Mrs. Wilson, the widow of Judge William Mercer Wilson, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, died on the 24th of September last, at the home of her granddaughter, in Montreal.

Other deaths in this jurisdiction have been the following :

John Menish, P. D. D. G. M., Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville.

John Waring, P. G. S., Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton.

Richard Dinnis, P. D. D. G. M., Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto.

J. E. Halliwell, P. D. D. G. M., Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling.

Geo. W. Holwell, P. D. D. G. M., Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford.

N. W. Cleary, P. D. D. G. M., Renfrew Lodge, No. 112, Renfrew.

Rev. Robt. Campbell, P. G. Chaplain, Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew.

Wm. White, P. D. D. G. M., Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell.

Edward Burns, P. D. D. G. M., Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora.

D. E. Munroe, P. D. D. G. M., Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Carlow.

George Gale, P. D. D. G. M., Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville.

F. F. Manley, P. D. D. G. M., Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto.

Allen McLean, P. G. S. W., Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston.

John McDonald, P. D. D. G. M., Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus.

Geo. S. Johnson, D. D. G. M., Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro'.

H. A. Collins, P. D. D. G. M., Georgina Lodge, No. 343, and Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto.

Deaths in other jurisdictions have been reported to me as follows:

British Columbia—Eli Harrison, Senior, Past Grand Master.

Connecticut—Asa Smith, Past Grand Master; Dwight Vaugh, Past Grand Master.

Florida—Robert Jasper Perry, Past Grand Master.

Indiana—Christian Fetta, Past Grand Master.

Michigan—W. Irving Babcock, Past Grand Master. Matthew H. Maynard, Past Grand Master.

Missouri—William R. Stubblefield, Past Grand Master.

New York—John Stewart, Past Grand Master.

North Dakota—John F. Selby, Past Grand Master;
Robert M. Carothers, Past Grand Master.

Sweden—His Majesty, Oscar, King of Sweden,
Grand Master.

Tennessee—William S. Smith, Past Grand Master.

Virginia—Robert Enoch Withers, Past Grand
Master.

West Virginia—Eli Marsh Turner, Past Grand
Master.

RULINGS.

During the year I have made the following rulings:

1. Notice of motion to amend a by-law having been regularly given, and the motion to amend being made and seconded, a motion in amendment to the amendment is in order.

2. Q. Can a lodge, after suspending a member for non-payment of dues, lay a charge against him for a more serious offence; and, if found guilty on the vote of the lodge, expel him?

Ans. The lodge may, after suspending him for non-payment of dues, try him on another charge. The lodge cannot expel him; but, if he be found guilty, it may suspend him indefinitely, report the facts to the Grand Lodge, and recommend his expulsion.

Q. Is a lodge (under Section 219 of the Constitution), after suspending a member for non-payment of dues, bound to reinstate him in the event of him tendering his arrears and all other amounts owing the lodge, irrespective of his conduct in the meantime? Has the lodge no voice in the matter whatever?

Ans. If a member suspended for non-payment of dues tenders the amount of arrears and all other amounts owing to the lodge, he must be restored. But charges may be preferred against him for any other offence of which he may have been guilty, either before his suspension or during his suspension, when he may be tried just as if he had never been suspended.

3. When an adverse report is made against a candidate, must the report be received by the lodge before the applicant is declared a rejected candidate? Yes.

4. A Past Master from another jurisdiction affiliated with a lodge in this jurisdiction, and was elected Mas-

ter, he not having served as warden in this jurisdiction. Is the election legal? No : the election is void, and the brother must not be installed.

5. Has a lodge the power to pass a motion disqualifying from holding office those who solicit votes or resort to electioneering methods? No: no Mason can be deprived of any of his Masonic rights or privileges except after charges have been regularly made and the brother has been duly convicted of a Masonic offence.

6. Is it proper to give a Masonic funeral to a deceased brother who at the time of his death was under suspension? No: suspended members are deprived of all their Masonic rights and privileges.

7. The auditors of a lodge made their report, which was adopted by the lodge without dissent. At the next meeting the minutes were read, and (opportunity for objection being given) the Worshipful Master declared them correct. Then a brother arose and moved that the paragraph in the minutes relating to the adoption of the auditors' report be stricken out, and that a new audit of the books be made. The W. M. ruled the motion out of order. Was his ruling correct? Yes.

8. The secretary of a lodge sent out a notice of meeting in regular form and proper time, without the names of candidates to be balloted for. Three days before the meeting of the lodge he sent out a separate notice containing the candidates' names. Ruled that the ballot was void. A new ballot must be taken after regular and proper notice.

9. When a ballot was ordered to be taken (about 30 members being present) there were in the box fifty white balls and three black balls. Objection was taken. Ruled that there must be at least one white ball and one black ball for each member entitled to vote.

10. A lodge passed a resolution affecting delinquent members. The Worshipful Master suspended action on the resolution and instructed the Secretary accordingly. Q. Has the Master, under the Constitution, or any other Masonic law, power to suspend the will of the lodge in the manner stated? Ans. No. The Master has no powers but those conferred upon him by the Constitution and By-Laws of his lodge. He is the chief executive officer of the lodge, and must carry out the

wishes of its members when legally and formally expressed.

DORIC LODGE, NO. 316, VS. W. BRO. I. B. JOHNSON.

In March last a charge was preferred by the Junior Warden of Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto, against W. Bro. I. B. Johnson, of having freely, openly and wilfully stated that "at the regular meeting of Doric Lodge, held on the 21st day of February, 1907, W. Bro. Carr Simpson, as W. M., and Bros. W. F. Bilger and W. S. Kerman as Wardens, did falsely declare a ballot favorable to the application of one W. G. Kyle, when, as he alleges, the aforesaid ballot was unfavorable to the applicant, which act of the said Bro. Johnson was in violation of his duties and obligations as a Mason, and to the injury of the said W. Bro. Carr Simpson and Bros. Bilger and Kerwan as officers and members of the lodge, as well as a reproach to their character and reputation as men of business, and also to the scandal and disgrace of the Masonic fraternity; wherefore it is demanded that the said Bro. Johnson be put on trial therefor and dealt with according to Masonic law and usages." It was represented to me that the ruling Master, the Immediate Past Master and the Senior Warden were affected by the statements of W. Bro. Johnson, and might be influenced by their personal feelings if the charge were tried before the lodge. I therefore withdrew the case from the lodge and referred it to a commission composed of R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt (Chairman), R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson and R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan. The commissioners heard the evidence in the case and found W. Bro. Johnson guilty of the charge preferred against him, and I directed that he be suspended from all Masonic rights and privileges until the meeting of this Grand Lodge, the suspension then to be continued or removed at the pleasure of Grand Lodge.

BALLOTING FOR CANDIDATES.

Several cases have been reported to me of irregularities in balloting for candidates. It appears that in some lodges, while sufficient white balls are provided for all members present, there are but two or three black balls. This makes it easy for an interested and unscrupulous Deacon to abstract one or more of the black balls and thus to insure a favorable result. It may also destroy the secrecy of the ballot. I have ruled that there should be

at least as many white balls and as many black balls in the box as there are members present. I am of opinion that this should be made a constitutional provision. It is to be desired that brethren exercise more frequently their privilege of examining the ballot after it has been placed upon the altar. If that were done fewer mistakes would be made in declaring the result of the ballot.

PHYSICAL DISABILITY.

A number of requests have reached me for rulings as to physical defects of proposed candidates. These I have declined to give. The Grand Master cannot properly judge of the nature or extent of a defect from a written description; and in some cases it would not be expedient to give written reasons for a ruling. Section 181 of the Constitution is very plain; and every Master of a lodge is able to determine from a careful reading of that section the extent of a defect which ought to disqualify a man from becoming a Mason. If a candidate can comply literally with all the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge, a minor physical defect does not cause his rejection. If he cannot comply with all those ceremonies he must be rejected.

GRAND SECRETARY AND GRAND AUDITOR.

By the lamented death of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray the office of Grand Secretary became vacant. After careful consideration, I appointed R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn to the office until the meeting of Grand Lodge. At my request R. W. Bro. H. S. Griffin, D. D. G. M. of the Hamilton District, invested R. W. Bro. Gunn with the insignia of his office at the regular meeting of the Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, on December 20th, 1907.

This appointment made it necessary for Bro. Gunn to retire from the office of Auditor; and I appointed W. Bro. Harry B. Vigeon Auditor in his place. Both brethren have performed their duties to my entire satisfaction.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. Gunn also retired from the position of Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, and I appointed M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding to that important and onerous position.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The representation of the Grand Lodge of New York near this Grand Lodge having become vacant by the death of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, the office was tendered me by M. W. Bro. Townsend Scudder, Grand Master of Masons in New York, through the kind offices of M. W. Bros. Malone and Sutherland.

Other appointments of Grand Representatives have been made on my recommendation, as follows :

Grand Lodge of Alabama, R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner, Gananoque.

Grand Lodge of Belgium, R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin, Woodstock.

Upon the nomination of their Grand Masters, the following commissions have been issued to brethren to represent our Grand Lodge near their respective Grand Lodges :

Grand Lodge of Georgia, W. Bro. R. A. Henderson, Atlanta.

Grand Lodge of Connecticut, W. Bro. Clarence R. Austin, Danbury.

Grand Lodge of South Dakota, W. Bro. Wm. E. Milligan, Aberdeen.

Grand Lodge of Tennessee, R. W. Bro. Samuel Slager, Memphis.

Grand Lodge of Texas, W. Bro. Elmer Renfro, Fort Worth.

WARRANTS.

The following warrants have been granted since the last Annual Communication :

Milverton Lodge, No. 478, Milverton.

Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell.

Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480, N. Williamsburg.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 481, Toronto.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been continued from the previous year, viz. :

Bancroft Lodge, Bancroft.

Granton Lodge, Granton.

The following dispensations for new lodges have been granted since the last Annual Communication, viz. :

Golden Star Lodge, Dryden.

Haileybury Lodge, Haileybury.

Silver Lodge, Cobalt.

Penewobikong Lodge, Blind River.

King Edward Lodge, Harrow.

St. Andrew's Lodge, Arden.

Osiris Lodge, Smith's Falls.

Acacia Lodge, Markdale.

The following petitions for new lodges have been refused, viz. :

Dromore and Inwood.

CONSECRATIONS.

The following lodges have been constituted and consecrated, viz. :

Milverton, No. 478, Milverton, by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, D. G. M.

Russell, No. 479, Russell, by R. W. Bro. R. W. Kenning, D. D. G. M.

Corinthian, No. 481, Toronto, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Williamsburg, No. 480, N. Williamsburg, by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

DEDICATIONS.

The following lodge rooms have been dedicated during the year, viz. :

Faithful Brethren, No. 77, Lindsay, by the M.W. Grand Master.

Gore Bay, No. 472, Gore Bay, by R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel, D. D. G. M.

Hiram, No. 319, Hagersville, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Florence, No. 390, Florence, by the R. W., D. G. M., D. F. Macwatt.

Hope, No. 114, Port Hone, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Nipissing, No. 420, North Bay, by R. W. Bro. Haentschel, D. D. G. M.

St. John's, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

Wales, No. 458, Wales, by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

Farran's Point, No. 256, Aultsville, by the M.W. Grand Master.

Alexandria, No. 439, Alexandria, by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

Avonmore, No. 452, Avonmore, by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

Plantagenet, No. 186, Plantagenet, by R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, G. S. W.

CORNER STONES.

The following corner stones have been laid with Masonic ceremonies, viz. :

The new Methodist Church, Elmvale, by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P. G., M.

Church of Ascension, Windsor, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Durham English Church, Durham, by R. W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston, D. D. G. M.

Leslie Memorial Hall, Kemptville, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Meaford Methodist Church, Meaford, by the M. W. Grand Master.

Trinity Church, Merrickville, by R. W. Bro. E. A. Geiger, D. D. G. M.

GORE BAY LODGE, NO. 472.

The Master of the lodge had removed to a distance. The lodge was ruled by the Senior Warden, and a Past Master was available for degree work. This Past Master (a physician) was called to a serious case on the evening of the lodge meeting. Two accepted candidates had come from a distance for initiation. The Past Master desired the Senior Warden to proceed with the degree as far as the obligation. He expected to return by 9 o'clock and finish the work. He was detained, and the S. W. completed the degree. One of the candidates soon afterwards moved to the west. I issued an edict validating the initiation. Under ordinary circumstances the conduct of the Past Master and the S. W. would have demanded suspension and punishment; but the situation was unusual. The lodge is weak; the Past Master is giving his time and energy to assist it; the Senior Warden had not studied the law; severe measures would seriously injure (perhaps destroy) the lodge. I therefore desired the D. D. G. M. to administer such admonition as he considered the case to demand, and did not proceed further in the matter.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VS. KING EDWARD LODGE, NO. 464.

In his address at our last regular communication M. W.

Bro. Burritt expressed a hope that the controversy over the acceptance by King Edward Lodge of a candidate who had resided for twelve months in British Columbia had been settled. This hope is now made a certainty. In August last I received a letter from the M. W. Grand Master of Masons in British Columbia stating that the understanding reached by his predecessor and M. W. Bro. Burritt was quite satisfactory.

ROYAL SOLOMON MOTHER LODGE, NO. 293, JERUSALEM.

Soon after the last communication of this Grand Lodge the warrant issued to the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, was returned to the Grand Secretary, and the affairs of that body may now be considered a closed chapter in our history.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

At the close of the last financial year, on the 31st of May, 1907, the contributions to the Semi-Centennial Fund, with accumulated interest, amounted to \$34,948.75. During the twelve months ending on the 31st of May, 1908, the payments into the fund amounted to \$10,931.63.

By resolution of Grand Lodge the interest on the fund for the year was appropriated to increase the benevolent grants.

The total amount standing at the credit of the Fund, which had been invested or was still in the bank, amounted to \$44,154.29.

I regret that the lodges are not more active in contributing the sums which their representatives in Grand Lodge pledged them to pay, because the revenue from this source is needed for our work of benevolence.

We are, however, warranted in hoping that the full amount of \$100,000 will in the near future be made good.

CONESTOGO LODGE, NO. 295, DRAYTON.

In April, 1907, Bro. James E. Carpenter, a Master Mason, was elected Senior Warden of Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton. He had not previously served as Warden in any lodge. In December of the same year he was elected Master of Conestogo Lodge and installed. The facts having been reported to me, I declared the election void, directed that Bro. Carpenter should at once retire from the Master's chair, and ordered that a new election be held at the earliest possible day. As I was credibly informed that all the par-

ties to the irregularity had acted in ignorance of the law, and that the Installing Master had removed from the jurisdiction, I did not deem it my duty to impose any penalty; but desired the D. D. G. M. to visit the lodge and admonish its officers to acquaint themselves more fully with the provisions of the Constitution governing elections and prescribing the qualifications of lodge officers.

THE SAN FRANCISCO SUFFERERS.

In 1906, M. W. Bro. Burritt announced the sending of a gift of \$1,000 to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, to assist in relieving distress caused by the earthquake at San Francisco. It is gratifying to know that the benevolence of Masons in every part of the world was more than sufficient for the needs of our brethren in California. On the 21st of September last I received, through M. W. Bro. Burritt, a letter from M. W. Bro. Edward H. Hart, Grand Master of Masons in California, enclosing \$200, the portion of our contribution which remained unused; and also a portion of the contribution made by Civil Service Lodge, No. 148.

USING MASONRY FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

In 1907 incorporation was sought in the Dominion Parliament for an association to be called the Masonic Protective Association. M. W. Bro. Burritt took active measures to have the word "Masonic" eliminated from the bill; but he succeeded only so far as to have it stricken from the title. This company is now doing business in Ontario, with the letters "A. F. & A. M." and the words "for Masons only" conspicuously printed on its literature. Considering this a most serious attempt to exploit Masonry for private gain, I wrote to the President of the Association, and had several conversations with one of its officers. In both cases I asked that the Association cease to use our name or our emblems for the purpose of procuring trade; but so far nothing has been done, and no distinct promise has been made.

In April the Toronto papers recorded the formation in the city named of an association called "the Universal Craftsmens Council of Engineers," of which it was said that "none but Freemasons in good standing are

eligible for membership.' I cannot learn whether this society is for purposes of gain or is a merely social organization.

In both these cases the offending persons are acting within their legal rights; but they are violating the express law and the traditions of Masonry. They are doing that which is repugnant to the spirit of Masonry, and are endeavoring to exploit our institution for their private ends. This mercenary attempt should be reprobated by all members of the Craft. If an insurance society may be established "for Masons only," without protest on our part, then the doors will be thrown open to every man who desires to use his Masonic connection for his personal benefit. It is well that members of our order should be warned against the mercenary attempts of these adventurers.

CHAIN LETTERS.

No less than three copies of "chain letters" have been forwarded to me within the past few months. These have asked the brethren to whom they were sent to forward a small sum of money to a given address in the United States, for a purpose apparently worthy, and to mail a copy of the letter to some other Mason in this jurisdiction. This practice should not be encouraged. Our brethren in the United States are abundantly able and more than willing to provide means for any worthy charity or any patriotic object, and those who send these chain letters to us rest under the suspicion of fraud. In one case the name of a Past Grand Master was used; and it was unfortunate for the sender of the letter that he was unaware that the Most Worshipful Brother had been dead for more than a year, and also that he was unable to spell his name correctly. Our brethren would do well to throw all chain letters into the fire.

It is not proper that I should close without expressing grateful thanks to Past Grand Masters and to the Deputy Grand Master for advice and assistance during the year. When I have been in doubt, or when I have needed information, I have not hesitated to seek counsel and knowledge; and in no instance have I sought in vain.

For the prosperity with which the Craft has been

blessed ; for the harmony which has rested upon it ; for the good it has been able to accomplish, let us lift our hearts in gratitude to the Great Giver of all Good. And, as His blessing has attended us hitherto, let us pray that it may abide with us. We are permitted to look back over the road by which we have come with gratitude. We are permitted to look forward with expectancy, to hope for further blessings, to thank God and take courage.

A. T. FREED,

Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The M. W. the Grand Master named as such committee M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, J. Ross Robertson and J. H. Burritt.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario :

I herewith submit a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements and Investment Account of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1908.

GENERAL FUND.

The balance in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1907, was.....	\$5,773 80	
Less outstanding cheques.....	435 00	
		\$5,338 80

RECEIPTS FROM GRAND SECRETARY.

Revenue from Lodges, etc.....	\$33,838 73	
Interest on Bank balance.....	305 97	
“ on Investments.....	4,810 10	
Debentures matured and paid.....	15,342 85	
		\$54,297 65
		\$59,636 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

General charges.....	\$15,412 62
Benevolent orders.....	21,956 30

INVESTMENTS.

Kincardine, Hamilton, Toronto, Port Arthur and Berlin Debentures.....	15,560 20
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Balance as per Statement of Assets :

Cash in Bank 31st May, 1908 . . .	\$7,044 20	
Less cheques outstanding	336 87	
	<u>\$6,707 33</u>	
		<u>\$59,636 45</u>

DETAILS OF DISBURSEMENTS.

1907		
June	3—Grand Secretary's salary to June 30th, 1907	\$ 500 00
	3—Grand Treasurers's salary to June 30th, 1907	50 00
	3—R. L. Gunn, Auditor	75 00
	3—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to June 30th, 1907	115 00
	21—Bell Telephone, account to December 1st, 1907	28 50
July	9—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June, 1907	66 00
	9—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June, 1907	50 00
	9—Stenographer's salary to 30th June, 1907	44 00
	9—Hart & Lyne, Customs duty on Grand Lodge regalia	266 38
	18—Expenses of Grand Lodge meeting at Ottawa	1500 00
	18—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation	250 00
	26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st July, 1907	67 00
	26—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st July, 1907	57 40
	26—Stenographer's salary to 31st July, 1907	43 00
Aug.	2—Eastern Canadian Passenger Association Railway Circulars	8 00
	2—Spectator Printing Co., balance of account to 8th July, 1907	632 19
	2—Robert Duncan Co., in full account to 8th July, 1907	53 45
	2—A. C. Turnbull & Co., account to 1st July, 1907	21 93
	2—G. H. Lannigan, returns	9.00
	2—A. M. Cunningham, in full account, P. G. Master's photos	223 00
	2—Grand Secretary, balance expenses Grand Lodge	214 35
	2—General Masonic Relief Association, annual subscription	188 14
	2—Atlas Assurance Co., premium on Grand Lodge regalia	12 03
	13—Alliance Assurance Co., premium on Grand Lodge regalia	7 05
	13—New York Underwriters Agency, premium Grand Lodge regalia	26 00
	16—R. L. Gunn, Chairman Committee on Benevolence, expenses, stamps, etc	15 00
	16—R. L. Gunn expenses to Toronto, re audit	5 35
	26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August, 1907	66 66

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Sept.	2—Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st August, 1907.....	66 66
	2—Stenographer's salary to 31st August, 1907..	43 33
	2—Grand Secretary, account incidentals	250 00
	2—Grand Secretary's salary to 31st August, 1907	500 00
	2—Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st August, 1907	50 00
	2—R. L. Gunn, Auditor, to 31st August, 1907..	75 00
	2—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st August, 1907.....	115 00
	2—The Reid Press Co., for special printing....	506 00
	10—Trunk for regalia.....	10 00
	10—J. B. Nixon, account Investigation on Benevolence	200 00
	10—Toronto General Trusts Corporation, rent of box in vault to 20th September, 1907.....	25 00
	24—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th September, 1907.....	66 66
	24—Superannuation Allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 30th September, 1907.....	66 66
	24—Stenographer's salary to 30th September, 1907	43 33
	24—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th September, 1907.....	61 18
Oct.	1—Paid Spencer & Co's draft, £249 17s. 2d., Grand Lodge regalia.....	1217 36
	1—Hart & Lyne, duty on same balance	3 56
	1—J. B. Nixon, account Investigation on Benevolence	200 00
	2—Premium on Grand Secretary's Bond	12 50
	24—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October, 1907.....	66 66
	24—Superannuation Allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st October, 1907.	66 66
	24—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October, 1907.....	50 00
	24—Stenographer's salary to 31st October, 1907.	43 33
	28—Grand Master, account travelling expenses..	200 00
	28—Hand & Co., account for tubes.....	13 00
Nov.	11—J. B. Nixon, balance account on Benevolent Investigation.....	100 00
	25—Assistant in Grand Secretary office, salary to to 30th November, 1907.....	66 66
	25—Superannuation Allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 30th November, 1907.....	66 66
	25—Stenographer's salary to 30th November, 1907.	43 33
	25—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November, 1907.....	50 00
Dec.	2—Bell Telephone account to December 1, 1907.	28 50
	2—Floral tribute, late Grand Secretary.....	40 00
	2—Green Bros., funeral expenses late Grand Secretary	30 00
	2—Hamilton Leather Goods Co. account, trunk for Grand Lodge sword	9 00

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Dec.	2—Late Grand Secretary (Hugh Murray) estate	500 00
	18—Grand Secretary, R. L. Gunn, salary to 31st December, 1907.....	166 66
	18—Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st December, 1907.....	50 00
	18—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, to 31st December, 1907.....	66 67
	18—Stenographer's salary to 31st December, 1907	43 34
	18—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December, 1907..	50 00
	18—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December, 1907.....	66 67
	18—R. L. Gunn, auditor, to 30th November, 1907	50 00
	18—Grand Secretary, account incidentals.....	300 00
	18—G. H. Lannigan, binding Grand Lodge Returns	25 00

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Jan.	2—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th December, 1907....	115 00
	2—Eastern Canadian Passenger Association...	5 00
	7—J. C. White. account. repairing old Grand Lodge regalia	12 96
	18—Balance premium Grand Secretary's, R. L. Gunn, bond after allowing rebate.....	4 25
	18—R. L. Gunn, auditor, expenses to Toronto to close audit.....	4 70
	18—Chairman of Benevolent Committee, postage	5 00
	31—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January, 1908	66 67
	31—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, 31st January, 1908	66 67
	31—Stenographer's salary to 31st January, 1908.	43 34
	31—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January, 1908	50 00
Feb.	18—Grand Master, account traveling expenses..	200 00
	24—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office. salary to 28th February, 1908.....	66 66
	24—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's office. to 28th February, 1908.....	66 66
	24—Stenographer's salary, to 28th February, 1908	43 33
	24—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February, 1908.....	50 00
Mar.	2—P. W. Ellis & Co., testimonial to Grand Master Burritt.	297 10
Mar.	2—Copp Clark & Co., 2,000 Parchment Certificates	700 00
	2—Howell & Co., two cheque books.....	36 00
	2—Thos. Lees, account repairing Grand Lodge vessels.....	11 75
	2—James Cheyne boxes and repairs.....	8 49
	24—Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st March, 1908.....	66 66

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Mar	24—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st March, 1908.....	66 66
	24—Stenographer's salary to 31st March, 1908...	43 33
	24—Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to March 31st, 1908.....	50 00
	24—Grand Secretary's salary to 31st March, 1908	500 00
	24—Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st March, 1908	50 00
	24—Auditor's salary to 31st March, 1908.....	75 00
	24—Salter Bros., Rochester, wreath P G. M. Sutherland.....	45 25
	24—Robert Duncan Co., stationery.....	55 75
	24—A. C. Turnbull, Stationery.....	13 48
	24—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st March, 1908	115 00
	24—E. Shaw, account engrossing address to J. H. Burritt	15 00
April	2—Spectator Printing Co, account to 11th January, 1908	1,585 77
	25—Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th April, 1908.....	66 66
	25—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 30th April, 1908.....	66 66
	25—Stenographer's salary to 30th April, 1908...	43 33
	25—Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th April, 1908.....	50 00
May	11—Grand Secretary, account incidentals.....	90 00
	13—R. W. Kenning, M.D., expenses incurred in visiting Evergreen Lodge, Lanark, at Grand Master's request.....	15 00
	14—C. W. Haentschel, M.D., special communication, North Bay.....	9 80
	14—E. E. Kilmer, expenses visiting Nilestown Lodge.....	3 00
	14—Superannuation allowance to former Chief Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to May 31st, 1908.....	66 67
	14—Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to May 31st, 1908.....	66 67
	14—Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st May, 1908.....	50 00
	14—Stenographer's salary to 31st May, 1908....	43 34
	31—Grand Secretary's balance incidental expenses.....	7 20
	31—Benevolent Orders.....	\$15,412 62
	31—Debenture Investments during the year....	21,956 30
	31—Balance cash in Bank less outstanding cheques	15,560 20
		6,707 33
		<u>\$59,636 45</u>

The attached Statement of Assets shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1908, and the sums

invested with rates of interest. All the debentures are deposited in the vaults of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary who, in addition to the vault clerk of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented vault where the debentures are deposited.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1908.

Securities.	Rate of Interest.		Cost Value.	Face Value.
	Bear- ing %	Yield- ing %		
DEBENTURES.				
Can. Savings & Loan Co.	4 $\frac{1}{8}$	4 $\frac{1}{8}$	\$ 5,000 00	\$ 5,000 00
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co.....	4	4	15,000 00	15,000 00
Ham. Provident & Loan Co.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	15,000 00	15,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co	4 $\frac{3}{8}$	4 $\frac{3}{8}$	10,000 00	10,000 00
Ont. Loan & Debenture Co.	4 $\frac{1}{8}$	4 $\frac{1}{8}$	5,000 00	5,000 00
Berlin, City of.....	5	5	5,523 08	5,523 08
Brantford, City of.....	4	3 $\frac{7}{8}$	8,173 60	8,000 00
Brockville, Town of.....	4	3 $\frac{9}{16}$	3,131 45	3,000 00
Brockville, Town of.....	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,199 81	4,473 59
Brockville, Town of.....	4	4 $\frac{3}{8}$	4,457 02	4,681 75
Hamilton, City of.....	4	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	2,777 70	3,000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	509 80	500 00
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,009 31	1,000 00
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4 $\frac{1}{16}$	12,026 07	12,148 50
Toronto, City of	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.05	4,484 14	4 866 66
Toronto, City of.....	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	5,394 09	5,626 47
Woodstock, Town of.....	6	3 60	8,341 90	7,000 00
			<u>\$110 027 97</u>	<u>\$109 820 05</u>

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce 31st

May, 1908..... \$7,044 20

Less cheques outstanding 336 87

6,707 33\$116,527 38

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Examined and certified to as being correct.

HARRY VIGEON,
Chartered Accountant.

June 20, 1908.

1907-1908

**PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON
ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.**

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

June	1907.				
8 Bro. G. R. T.	\$25 00		1 Wid. J. T.	10 00	
8 Wid. W. M. W.	75 00		1 Wid. J. W.	10 00	
8 Dau. W. M. W.	75 00		1 Wid. W. J. A.	20 00	
8 Dau. T. B. H.	18 75		1 Bro. W. McC.	25 00	
8 Wid. T. D. H.	75 00		1 Wid. J. W.	20 00	
August	1907.		1 Wid. W. P.	15 00	
1 Wid. J. V.	20 00		1 Wid. T. E.	15 00	
1 Wid. G. S. M.	20 00		1 Wid. A. F.	50 00	
1 Wid. W. C. S.	30 00		1 Wid. J. H.	10 00	
1 Wid. A. S.	15 00		1 Wid. H. L. K.	20 00	
1 Gr. dau. Z. M. P. ..	20 00		1 Wid. W. T.	20 00	
1 Gr. dau. Z. M. P. ..	20 00		1 Wid. J. W.	15 00	
1 Wid. S. R.	40 00		1 Wid. T. H.	20 00	
1 Wid. W. J. W.	25 00		1 Wid. T. C. McL ..	20 00	
1 Wid. G. R. B.	25 00		1 Wid. J. W. K.	20 00	
1 Bro. W. G.	50 00		1 Wid. T. G. S.	15 00	
1 Wid. J. J.	30 00		1 Wid. W. F. S.	20 00	
1 Sis. J. McP	15 00		1 Bro. D. W. V.	50 00	
1 Wid. S. M.	20 00		1 Wid. G. C.	20 00	
1 Wid. G. P.	35 00		1 Wid. A. J.	20 00	
1 Wid. R. A. K.	25 00		1 Wid. R. L.	15 00	
1 Wid. T. H. W.	25 00		1 Moth. C. M.	15 00	
1 Wid. G. S.	25 00		1 Wid. W. J. S.	20 00	
1 Wid. R. G.	25 00		1 Wid. L. G. J.	10 00	
1 Sis. T. H. B.	15 00		1 Wid. J. LeC	10 00	
1 Wid. A. S. D.	20 00		1 Wid. W. P.	15 00	
1 Wid. E. H.	20 00		1 Wid. J. W.	15 00	
1 Wid. J. F. H.	15 00		1 Wid. J. L. Y.	10 00	
1 Wid. J. K.	25 00		1 Wid. T. B.	15 00	
1 Wid. R. M. K.	20 00		1 Wid. J. C. M.	50 00	
1 Wid. T. E. McD ..	20 00		1 Wid. W. A. W.	20 00	
1 Wid. A. M.	15 00		1 Wid. T. D.	50 00	
1 Bro. W. C.	25 00		1 Wid. J. E.	20 00	
1 Wid. J. W. F.	25 00		1 Wid. P. G.	20 00	
1 Bro. S. M.	25 00		“ Wid. J. L. H.	20 00	
1 Wid. R. B. M.	15 00		1 Wid. F. McC	30 00	
1 Bro. J. B. S.	50 00		1 Wid. W. B.	20 00	
1 Bro. R. T. S.	25 00		1 Wid. W. G.	20 00	
1 Wid. G. S.	15 00		1 Wid. W. H. S.	10 00	
1 Wid. R. W.	15 00		1 Dan. W. K.	10 00	
1 Bro. E. H. B.	75 00		1 Wid. J. W. McD ..	20 00	
1 Bro. J. D.	30 00		1 Wid. J. M.	25 00	
1 Bro. W. H.	25 00		1 Wid. W. G. S. R. ..	10 00	
1 Wid. J. M.	25 00		1 Wid. J. B.	25 00	
			1 Wid. W. F.	25 00	

1 Wid. W. L.	10 00	1 Moth. J. O.	15 00
1 Wid. A. H.	15 00	1 Bro. G. C.	50 00
1 Wid. H. H.	20 00	1 Wife F. D.	40 00
1 Wid. W. M. H.	40 00	1 Wid. A. G.	15 00
1 Wid. F. G. B.	20 00	1 Wid. R. L.	15 00
1 Wid. T. J. B.	20 00	1 Wid. H. J. C.	10 00
1 Wife S. M. D.	20 00	1 Wid. J. W. H.	20 00
1 Wid. A. L.	25 00	1 Wid. H. St V. J.	15 00
1 Son J. L.	25 00	1 Wid. G. M. McI ..	40 00
1 Wid. J. McK.	15 00	1 Wid. C. W. W.	15 00
1 Wife J. S.	75 00	1 Wid. R. C.	30 00
1 Wid. C. W. M.	20 00	1 Wid. F. W. S.	40 00
1 Wid. G. T. M.	20 00	1 Wid. M. McL.	30 00
1 Wid. W. M.	10 00	1 Wid. W. E. H.	40 00
1 Wid. W. J. S.	10 00	1 Bro. D. B. M.	75 00
1 Wid. W. B.	20 00	1 Wid. W. C.	15 00
1 Bro. R. H. G.	50 00	1 Wid. S. B.	15 00
1 Daughter-in-law G. W. R.	50 00	1 Wid. T. T. V.	20 00
1 Wid. H. C.	20 00	1 Bro. M. T. R.	75 00
1 Sis. W. C.	50 00	1 Dau. W. W.	30 00
1 Wid. C. D. McD ..	25 00	1 Wid. F. M. B.	40 00
1 Wid. G. H. N.	20 00	1 Wid. H. H.	30 00
1 Wid. W. M.	30 00	1 Wid. J. M.	25 00
1 Wid. F. C.	10 00	1 Wid. J. S.	25 00
1 Bro. H. O. H.	75 00	1 Wid. A. C.	20 00
1 Bro. E. G.	75 00	1 Wid. J. A.	20 00
1 Wid. E. B.	20 00	1 Dau. J. C.	50 00
1 Wid. R. C.	20 00	1 Wid. M. C. B.	50 00
1 Wid. W. H. S.	20 00	1 Bro. J. F.	50 00
1 Wid. G. S.	25 00	1 Wid. J. B.	30 00
1 Wid. L. Y.	20 00	1 Wid. W. S.	30 00
1 Wid. T. A.	25 00	1 Wid. R. A. D.	40 00
1 Wid. J. L. H.	15 00	1 Wid. G. E. P.	49 00
1 Bro. J. H.	75 00	1 W. M. Lodge 24	
1 Wid. W. J.	25 00	for Bro. J. E. ...	50 00
1 Wid. F. T. B.	20 00	1 Wid. J. S. B.	25 00
1 Bro. A. S. B.	75 00	1 Wid. S. S. P.	25 00
1 Bro. T. G.	75 00	1 Wid. W. R. W.	25 00
1 Wid. R. D. M.	20 00	1 Wid. L. R.	30 00
1 Wid. G. T. P.	20 00	1 Bro. B. B.	75 00
1 Wid. D. H. W.	20 00	1 Wid. T. H. S.	20 00
1 Wid. J. M.	10 00	1 Bro. A. C.	50 00
1 Wid. A. R. P.	30 00	1 Wid. F. H.	10 00
1 Wid. J. T. G.	25 00	1 Wid. A. de P.	30 00
1 Wid. R. H. D.	25 00	1 Wid. A. K.	15 00
1 Wid. G. T. F.	40 00	1 Bro. S. A. M.	25 00
1 Wid. R. H.	10 00	1 Bro. H. R.	50 00
1 Wid. J. McK.	25 00	1 Wid. E. W.	30 00
1 Wid. T. R.	20 00	1 Wid. W. B. U.	20 00
1 Wid. A. W.	25 00	1 Wid. C. A. A.	20 00
1 Wid. S. R.	15 00	1 Wid. E. K.	15 00
1 Wid. J. R. L. S.	15 00	1 Bro. F. M.	75 00
1 Wife A. B.	50 00	1 Wid. J. W.	30 00
1 Wid. G. H. B.	30 00	1 Wid. D. L. C.	15 00

1 Wid. B. E.	25 00	1 Bro. J. P.	75 00
1 Wid. A. C.	40 00	1 Bro. J. C.	40 00
1 Bro. W. A. D.	75 00	1 Wid. S. L.	50 00
1 Wid. H. A. E.	30 00	1 Bro. R. A.	30 00
1 Wid. W. J. S.	25 00	1 Wid. W. E. J.	30 00
1 Wid. W. J. C.	25 00	1 Wid. J. A.	50 00
1 Bro. W. E.	75 00	1 Wid. R. G.	10 00
1 Bro. G. C.	40 00	1 Dau. J. R. S.	50 00
1 Bro. C. McM.	75 00	1 Wid. W. C.	25 00
1 Bro. J. M.	30 00	1 Bro. T. W.	75 00
1 Wid. J. D. R.	30 00	1 Dau. M. V.	15 00
1 Wid. J. B.	20 00	1 Bro. A. B.	50 00
1 Wid. D. R.	40 00	1 Wid. C. A. C.	20 00
1 Wid. C. F. R.	30 00	1 Wid. L. N.	30 00
1 Wid. A. C. C.	15 00	1 Wid. A. S.	50 00
1 Wid. G. G.	20 00	1 W. M. Lodge 170 for	
1 Wid. W. E. K.	20 00	Wid. W. R. S. ..	25 00
1 Wid. M. J. L.	10 00	1 Wid. A. S.	50 00
1 Bro. J. A. S.	15 00	1 Bro. W. Y.	75 00
1 Wid. S. T.	40 00	1 Wid. J. McL.	40 00
1 Bro. G. C.	50 00	1 Wid. J. P.	50 00
1 Wid. J. G. L.	50 00	1 Wid. W. S.	20 00
1 Wid. C. G.	25 00	1 Wid. J. Z.	20 00
1 Wid. T. T. J.	15 00	1 Wid. D. S. L.	30 00
1 Bro. T. B.	75 00	1 Wid. T. B. P.	15 00
1 Wid. J. C.	30 00	1 Bro. R. H. W.	20 00
1 Wid. R. W. L.	15 00	1 Wid. J. A. S.	30 00
1 Wid. J. H.	30 00	1 Wid. E. S.	20 00
1 Wid. T. B.	50 00	1 Wife D. C. A.	75 00
1 Bro. J. E. R.	75 00	1 Wid. D. McN.	20 00
1 Wid. W. A.	20 00	1 Wid. D. L.	50 00
1 Wid. J. W.	50 00	1 Wid. J. W.	30 00
1 Wid. G. P.	30 00	1 Wid. J. W.	20 00
1 Wid. J. S.	20 00	1 Bro. F. McE.	50 00
1 Wid. C. B. B.	20 00	1 Wid. W. A. C.	15 00
1 Wid. D. S.	10 00	1 Wid. W. W. P.	25 00
1 Wid. J. S.	10 00	1 Wid. R. C.	15 00
1 Wid. G. W.	10 00	1 Bro. G. R. T.	50 00
1 Wid. P. R. D.	30 00	1 Wid. G. W. A.	20 00
1 Wid. W. E. S.	15 00	1 Bro. R. V.	50 00
1 Dau. C. B.	10 00	1 Wid. E. D.	30 00
1 Wid. G. S.	25 00	1 Bro. C. L.	15 00
1 Wid. S. A.	20 00	1 Bro. J. F. S.	40 00
1 Orp. C. M.	30 00	1 Bro. T. R. W.	75 00
1 Wid. J. F.	50 00	1 Wid. H. R.	30 00
1 Wid. J. A. McI.	25 00	1 Bro. G. O. D.	50 00
1 Wid. J. A. P.	25 00	1 Wid. J. M.	10 00
1 Wid. J. R.	50 00	1 Wid. F. B.	15 00
1 Wid. N. M. C.	20 00	1 Wid. W. B. S.	30 00
1 Wid. C. M.	50 00	1 Dau. R. A.	30 00
1 Wid. J. A.	50 00	1 Wid. A. A. M.	30 00
1 Wid. H. G. G.	30 00	1 Bro. F. P.	75 00
1 Wid. J. McC.	40 00	1 Bro. J. B.	75 00
1 Bro. G. W. A. P.	75 00	1 Wid. J. S.	30 00

1 Wid. C. C. G.	25 00	18 Miss H. H.	18 75
1 Wid. J. W. W.	40 00	27 Bro. M.	50 00
1 Bro. H. H.	30 00	January 1908.	
1 W. M. Lodge 348 for		2 Bro. D. F. H.	50 00
Bro. G. A. F. C.	40 00	February	
1 Wid. A. A. N.	25 00	1 Mrs. H. S. McG.	40 00
1 Wid. S. R.	40 00	8 Mrs. J. V.	20 00
1 Wid. W. G. S.	30 00	8 Mrs. G. S. M.	20 00
1 Wid. A. E. B.	15 00	8 Mrs. W. C. S.	30 00
1 Wid. F. C.	15 00	8 Mrs. A. S.	15 00
1 Wid. H. J. S.	30 00	8 Gr. dau. Z. M. P. ..	20 00
1 Wid. J. E. E.	15 00	8 Gr. dau. Z. M. P. ..	20 00
1 Orp. C. A. E. W. C.	15 00	8 Mrs. S. R.	40 00
1 Wid. R. A. P.	30 00	8 Mrs. W. J. W.	25 00
1 Dau. J. R.	25 00	8 Mrs. G. R. B.	25 00
1 Bro. W. McK	25 00	8 Bro. W. G.	50 00
1 Bro. J. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. J. J.	30 00
1 Bro. S. C. D.	75 00	8 Sis. J. McP	15 00
1 Wid. B. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. S. M.	20 00
1 Wid. P. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. G. P.	35 00
1 Wid. L. M. L.	20 00	8 Mrs. R. A. K.	25 00
1 Wid. F. L. S.	20 00	8 Mrs. T. H. W.	25 00
1 Bro. R. G.	50 00	8 Mrs. G. S.	25 00
1 Wid. J. C.	30 00	8 Mrs. R. G.	25 00
1 Wid. A. C.	30 00	8 Mrs. C. A.	15 00
1 Bro. W. B.	40 00	8 Mrs. A. S. D.	20 00
1 Wid. J. P.	40 00	8 Mrs. E. H.	20 00
1 Wid. F. P. G.	30 00	8 Mrs. J. F. H.	15 00
1 Bro. G. R. McL	75 00	8 Mrs. J. K.	25 00
1 Bro. V. A.	75 00	8 Mrs. R. M. K.	20 00
1 Bro. C. S.	75 00	8 Mrs. T. E. McD ..	20 00
1 Bro. T. P.	50 00	8 Mrs. A. M.	15 00
1 Wid. M. McC	50 00	8 Bro. W. C.	25 00
1 Wid. A. H. C.	30 00	8 Mrs. J. W. F.	25 00
1 Wid. R. E.	15 00	8 Bro. S. M.	25 00
1 M. W. Bro. A. A. S.		8 Mrs. R. B. M.	15 00
for Wid. A. B.	50 00	8 Bro. J. B. S.	50 00
September 1907.		8 Bro. R. T. S.	25 00
6 Bro. W. S.	25 00	8 Mrs. G. S.	15 00
19 Bro. G. S.	50 00	8 Mrs. R. W.	15 00
26 Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00	8 Bro. E. H. B.	75 00
26 Miss M. W.	75 00	8 Dau. J. D.	30 00
26 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00	8 Bro. W. H.	25 00
26 Miss M. H. H.	18 75	8 Mrs. J. M.	25 00
October 1907.		8 Mrs. J. T.	10 00
29 Mrs. F. F. M.	50 00	8 Mrs. J. W.	10 00
November 1907.		8 Mrs. W. J. A.	20 00
1 Bro. G. P. T.	50 00	8 Bro. W. McC	25 00
1 Wid. A. B.	50 00	8 Mrs. J. W.	20 00
5 Bro. A. M. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. W. P.	15 00
December 1907.		8 Mrs. T. E.	15 00
2 Wid. Bro. R. L. S.	50 00	8 Mrs. A. F.	50 00
18 Miss M. W.	75 00	8 Mrs. J. H.	10 00
18 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00	8 Mrs. H. L. K.	20 00

8 Mrs. W. T.	20 00	8 Mrs. G. H. N.	20 00
8 Mrs. J. W.	15 00	8 Mrs. W. M.	30 00
8 Mrs. T. W. H.	20 00	8 Mrs. F. C.	10 00
8 Mrs. T. McC L.	50 00	8 Bro. H. O. H.	75 00
8 Mrs. J. W. K.	20 00	8 Bro. E. G.	75 00
2 Mrs. W. F. S.	20 00	8 Mrs. E. B.	20 00
8 Bro. D. W. V.	50 00	8 Mrs. R. C.	20 00
8 Mrs. G. C.	20 00	8 Mrs. W. H. S.	20 00
8 Mrs. A. J.	20 00	8 Mrs. G. S.	25 00
8 Moth. C. M.	15 00	8 Mrs. L. Y.	20 00
8 Mrs. W. J. S.	20 00	8 Mrs. T. A.	25 00
8 Mrs. L. G. J.	10 00	8 Mrs. J. L. H.	15 00
8 Mrs. J. LeC	10 00	8 Bro. J. H.	75 00
8 Mrs. W. P.	15 00	8 Mrs. W. J.	25 00
8 Mrs. J. W.	15 00	8 Mrs. F. S. B.	20 00
8 Mrs. J. L. Y.	10 00	8 Bro. A. E. B.	75 00
8 Mrs. T. B.	15 00	8 Bro. T. G.	75 00
8 Mrs. J. E. M.	50 00	8 Mrs. R. D. M.	20 00
8 Mrs. W. A. W.	20 00	8 Mrs. G. T. P.	20 00
8 Mrs. W. T. D.	50 00	8 Mrs. D. H. W.	20 00
8 Mrs. J. E.	20 00	8 Mrs. J. M.	10 00
8 Mrs. P. G.	20 00	8 Mrs. A. R. P.	30 00
8 Mrs. J. L. H.	20 00	8 Mrs. J. T. G.	25 00
8 Mrs. F. McC	30 00	8 Mrs. R. H. D.	25 00
8 Mrs. W. B.	20 00	8 Mrs. G. F. F.	40 00
8 Mrs. W. G.	20 00	8 Mrs. R. H.	10 00
8 Mrs. W. H. S.	10 00	8 Mrs. J. McK	25 00
8 Mrs. J. W. McD ...	20 00	8 Mrs. T. R.	20 00
8 Dan. W. K.	10 00	8 Mrs. A. W.	25 00
8 Mrs J M.	25 00	8 Mrs. S. R.	15 00
8 Mrs. W. G. S. R. ...	10 00	8 Mrs. J. R. L. S. ...	15 00
8 Mrs. J. B.	25 00	8 Mrs. A. B.	50 00
8 Mrs. W. F.	25 00	8 Mrs. G. H. B.	30 00
8 Mrs. W. L.	10 00	8 Moth. J. O.	15 00
8 Mrs. A. H.	15 00	8 Bro. G. A. C.	50 00
8 Mrs. H. H.	20 00	8 Mrs. F. D.	40 00
8 Mrs. W. H.	40 00	8 Mrs. A. G.	15 00
8 Mrs. F. G. B.	20 00	8 Mrs. R. L.	15 00
8 Mrs. T. J. B.	20 00	8 Mrs. M. J. C.	10 00
8 Mrs. S. M. D.	20 00	8 Mrs. J. W. H.	20 00
8 Mrs. A. L.	25 00	8 Mrs. H. St. V. J. ...	15 00
8 Son J. L.	25 00	8 Mrs. G. M. McI ...	40 00
8 Mrs. J. McK	15 00	8 Mrs. C. W. W.	15 00
8 Mrs. J. S.	75 00	8 Mrs. B. C.	30 00
8 Mrs. C. W. M.	20 00	8 Mrs. F. W. S.	40 00
8 Mrs. G. S. M.	20 00	8 Mrs. M. McL	30 00
8 Mrs. W. M.	10 00	8 Mrs. W. E. H.	40 00
8 Mrs. T. J. S.	10 00	8 Bro. D. B. M.	75 00
8 Mrs. W. B.	20 00	8 Mrs. W. C.	15 00
8 Bro. R. H. G.	50 00	8 Mrs. S. B.	15 00
8 Moth. Mrs. R.	50 00	8 Bro. M. G. R.	75 00
8 Mrs. H. C.	20 00	8 Dan. W. W.	30 00
8 Sis. W. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. F. M. B.	40 00
8 Mrs. C. D. McD ..	25 00	8 Mrs. H. H.	30 00

8 Mrs. J. M.	25 00	8 Bro. W. S.	25 00
8 Mrs. J. S.	25 00	8 Mrs. J. H.	30 00
8 Mrs. A. C.	20 00	8 Mrs. T. B.	50 00
8 Mrs. J. A.	20 00	8 Bro. J. E. R.	75 00
8 Dau. J. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. W. A.	20 00
8 Mrs. M. C. B.	50 00	8 Mrs. J. W.	50 00
8 Bro. J. F.	50 00	8 Mrs. G. R.	30 00
8 Mrs. J. B.	30 00	8 Mrs. J. S.	20 00
8 Mrs. R. A. D.	40 00	8 Mrs. C. E. B.	20 00
8 Mrs. G. E. P.	40 00	8 Mrs. D. S.	10 00
8 Mrs. J. S. B.	25 00	8 Mrs. J. S.	10 00
8 Mrs. S. S. R.	25 00	8 Mrs. G. W.	10 00
8 Mrs. W. B. W.	25 00	8 Mrs. P. R. D.	30 00
8 Mrs. L. R.	30 00	8 Mrs. W. E. S.	15 00
8 Bro. B. B.	75 00	8 Dau. C. B.	10 00
8 Mrs. T. H. S.	30 00	8 Mrs. G. S.	25 00
8 Bro. A. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. S. A.	20 00
8 Mrs. F. M. H.	10 00	8 Orps. C. M.	30 00
8 Mrs. A. DeP.	30 00	8 Mrs. J. F.	50 00
8 Mrs. A. K.	15 00	8 Mrs. J. A. M.	25 00
8 Bro. S. A. M.	25 00	8 Mrs. J. A. P.	25 00
8 Mrs. E. W.	30 00	8 Mrs. J. R.	50 00
8 Mrs. W. B. U.	20 00	8 Mrs. N. M. C.	20 00
8 Mrs. C. A. A.	20 00	8 Mrs. C. M.	50 00
8 Mrs. E. K.	15 00	8 Mrs. J. A.	50 00
8 Bro. F. M.	75 00	8 Bro. G. W. A. P. ..	75 00
8 Mrs. J. W.	30 00	8 Mrs. H. G. G.	30 00
8 Mrs. D. L. C.	15 00	8 Bro. J. P.	75 00
8 Mrs. B. E.	25 00	8 Bro. J. C.	40 00
8 Mrs. A. C.	40 00	8 Mrs. S. L.	50 00
8 Bro. W. A. D.	75 00	8 Bro. R. A.	30 00
8 Mrs. H. A. E.	30 00	8 Mrs. W. E. J.	30 00
8 Mrs. W. J. S.	25 00	8 Mrs. J. A.	50 00
8 Mrs. W. J. C.	25 00	8 Mrs. R. G.	10 00
8 Bro. W. E.	75 00	8 Dau. J. R. S.	30 00
8 Bro. G. C.	40 00	8 Mrs. W. C.	25 00
8 Bro. F. McM.	75 00	8 Bro. T. W.	75 00
8 Bro. J. M.	30 00	8 Dau. M. V.	15 00
8 Mrs. J. D. K.	30 00	8 Bro. A. B.	50 00
8 Mrs. J. B.	20 00	8 Mrs. C. A. C.	20 00
8 Mrs. D. R.	40 00	8 Mrs. L. N.	30 00
8 Mrs. C. F. R.	30 00	8 Mrs. A. S.	50 00
8 Mrs. A. C. C.	15 00	8 Mrs. W. R. S.	25 00
8 Mrs. G. G.	20 00	8 Mrs. A. S.	50 00
8 Mrs. W. E. K.	20 00	8 Mrs. W. Y.	75 00
8 Mrs. M. J. L.	10 00	8 Mrs. J. McL.	40 00
8 Bro. J. A. S.	15 00	8 Mrs. J. P.	50 00
8 Mrs. S. T.	40 00	8 Mrs. W. S.	20 00
8 Bro. G. C.	50 00	8 Mrs. J. Z.	20 00
8 Mrs. J. G. L.	50 00	8 Mrs. D. T. L.	30 00
8 Mrs. C. G.	25 00	8 Mrs. T. B. P.	15 00
8 Mrs. J. T. J.	15 00	8 Mrs. P. H. W.	20 00
8 Bro. T. B.	75 00	8 Mrs. J. A. S.	30 00
8 Mrs. J. C.	30 00	8 Mrs. F. S.	20 00
8 Mrs. R. W. L.	15 00	8 Mrs. D. McN.	20 00

To interest on investments	1,690 04
To interest on bank deposits	32 05
To dividend on Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Stock, value \$100, standing in the name of and held by the Grand Secretary	4 00
	\$13,857 59

DISBURSEMENTS.

By purchase of Township of Saltfleet debentures	\$4,156 00
Kincardine debentures	1,020 55
Galt debentures	1,731 69
Peterboro debentures	926 46
Owen Sound debentures	943 00
East Toronto debentures	1,592 61
Benevolent Grants, as per annexed list	1,210 00
J. B. Nixon, on account	75 00
By balance in bank \$2,262 28	
Less outstanding cheques 60 00	
	2,202 28
	\$13,857 59

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Statement of Assets at 31st May, 1908.

Securities.	Rate of Interest.		Cost Value.	Face Value.
	Bearing %	Y eld- ing %		
DEBENTURES.				
East Toronto, Town of...	4½	5	\$ 1,600 08	\$ 1,633 12
Galt, Town of	4	5	1,695 60	2,000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4½	1,019 60	1,000 00
Oshawa, Town of	4½	4½	5,251 34	5,272 13
Ottawa, City of	5	4	10, 29 00	10,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of....	4½	5	940 10	1,000 00
Peterborough, City of....	3		1,693 20	2,000 00
Peterborough, City of....	4	5	907 90	1,000 00
St. Catharines, City of . . .	4	4½	5,141 74	5,319 96
Saltfleet, Township.....	5	4½	4 119 22	4,000 00
Toronto City of	3½	5	4 830 50	5,000 00
Woodstock, City of	4½	4.05	4,240 00	4 000 00
			\$41,989 07	\$42,227 21
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association stock		4	100 00	100 00
			\$42,0 9 07	\$42 327 21

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce		
on 31st May, 1908	\$2,262 28	
Less outstanding cheques.. . . .	60 00	
		2,202 28
		<u>\$44,529 49</u>

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Examined and certified to as being correct, June 20, 1908,

HARRY VIGEON,
Chartered Accountant.

1907-1908

Payments by the Grand Treasurer on Account of Benevolence,
Semi-Centennial Fund.

November 1907.	May 1908.
15 E. H. B. \$20 00	5 Wid. A. F. 20 00
15 Wid. A. F. 20 00	5 Wid. J. E. M. 20 00
15 J. E. M. 20 00	5 Sis. W. C. 20 00
15 Sis. W. C. 20 00	5 Bro. H. O. H. 20 00
15 H. O. H. 20 00	5 Bro. A. E. B. 30 00
15 Bro. A. E. B. 30 00	5 Bro. T. G. 30 00
15 Bro. T. G. 30 00	5 Bro. D. B. M. 20 00
15 Bro. D. B. M. 20 00	5 Dau. J. C. 20 00
15 Dau. J. C. 20 00	5 Bro. B. B. 40 00
15 Bro. B. B. 40 00	5 Bro. T. McM 40 00
15 Bro. T. McM 40 00	5 Bro. J. E. R. 40 00
15 Bro. J. E. R. 40 00	5 Wid. J. F. 20 00
15 Wid. J. F. 20 00	5 Wid. J. R. 20 00
15 Wid. J. R. 20 00	5 Wid. J. A. 20 00
15 Wid. J. A. 20 00	5 Bro. J. P. 40 00
15 Bro. J. P. 40 00	5 Wid. A. S. 20 00
15 Wid. A. S. 20 00	5 Bro. T. R. W. 40 00
15 Bro. T. R. W. 40 00	5 Bro. J. B. 40 00
15 Bro. J. B. 40 00	5 Wid. B. C. 20 00
15 Wid. B. C. 20 00	5 Bro. G. C. 40 00
15 Bro. G. C. 40 00	5 Bro. T. P. 50 00
May 1908.	
5 Bro. E. H. B. 20 00	
	<u>\$1,210 00</u>

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg leave to present to Grand Lodge my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me, and by my predecessor, the late M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and paid to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending 31st May, 1908. Also a summary of the expenditure for the year with ledger balances to the 31st May, 1908, and returns of lodges as at the 24th June, 1908, with, by instruction of the M. W. Grand Master, a record of dispensations issued, By-laws and amendments thereto approved, and other official acts of the M. W. Grand Master.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Certificates.....	\$ 402 00
Dues	19,767 98
Fees.....	10,356 25
Dispensations	511 00
Warrants	50 00
Constitutions, etc.	1,002 20
Commutation of dues	900 00
Miscellaneous.....	649 30

Interest on Debentures and Bank Account, as follows :

Canada Permanent and Western Canada....	\$ 200 00
Canadian Savings & Loan ...	206 24
Central Canada Loan & Savings.....	600 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan.....	618 75
Landed Banking & Loan.....	437 50
Landed Banking & Loan	100 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture.....	206 25
City of Brantford	320 00
Town of Brockville.....	120 00
Town of Brockville.....	200 91
Town of Brockville.....	192 06
Town of Berlin.....	276 15
City of Hamilton.....	120 00
Town of Kincardine....	12 50
City of Port Arthur ...	25 00
City of St. Thomas.....	485 95
City of Torouto	170 32

City of Toronto	98 47	
Town of Woodstock.....	420 00	
Bank deposit.....	305 97	
		\$ 5,116 07
Total revenue.....		38,754 80
Refund from Grand Lodge of California, unused portion of Grant in 1906 for Relief Fund.....		200 00
Canada Permanent debenture redeemed,....	\$10,000 00	
Landed Banking & Loan debenture redeemed	5,000 00	
Town of Brockville debentures redeemed...	342 85	
		15,342 85
		<u>\$54 297 65</u>

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

1907

June	3	Deposit	\$ 150 90	
"	12	"	79 75	
"	18	"	265 00	
"	21	"	1,256 36	
"	25	"	947 25	
"	26	"	875 75	
"	27	"	1,790 75	
"	28	"	1,127 00	
"	29	"	828 25	
				\$ 7,321 01
July	3	"	\$ 1,516 25	
"	3	"	894 45	
"	4	"	558 25	
"	5	"	393 50	
"	8	"	616 00	
"	8	"	625 50	
"	9	"	810 60	
"	10	"	443 28	
"	11	"	311 50	
"	13	"	578 75	
"	23	"	2,712 30	
"	26	"	220 00	
				9,680 38
Aug.	7	"	\$ 531 25	
"	19	"	143 00	
"	27	"	302 50	
"	27	"	150 50	
				1,127 25
Sept.	18	"	\$ 1,121 32	
"	24	"	124 25	
"	30	"	43 00	
				1,288 57
Oct.	2	"	\$10,360 00	
"	16	"	404 50	
"	21	"	168 75	
"	30	"	342 50	
				11,275 75

Nov.	5	Deposit	.....	\$ 5,856 87	
"	16	"	.....	162 25	
"	16	"	.....	163 51	
					6,182 63
Dec.	2	"	.....	\$ 68 75	
"	21	"	.....	228 25	
"	30	"	.....	1,476 80	
					1,773 80
1908					
Jan.	3	"	.....	\$ 1,036 13	
"	4	"	.....	1,615 50	
"	8	"	.....	1,510 50	
"	11	"	.....	567 50	
"	14	"	.....	902 50	
"	18	"	.....	1,660 25	
"	25	"	.....	1,246 25	
"	31	"	.....	737 30	
					9,275 93.
Feb.	5	"	.....	\$ 197 75	
"	15	"	.....	1,057 63	
"	29	"	.....	503 87	
					1,759 25.
Mar.	7	"	.....	\$ 394 85	
"	14	"	.....	621 25	
"	20	"	.....	444 00	
"	31	"	.....	333 50	
					1,793 60.
April	1	"	.....	\$ 436 15	
"	11	"	.....	259 00	
"	18	"	.....	301 00	
"	25	"	.....	260 25	
"	30	"	.....	231 00	
					1,487 40.
May	1	"	.....	\$ 734 37	
"	12	"	.....	279 50	
"	30	"	.....	175 75	
"	30	"	.....	142 46	
					1,332 08
					<u>\$54 297 65</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

Year ending May 31st, 1908.

Salary of E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer, to March 31st, 1908	\$ 200 00
Salary of H. Murray, Grand Secretary, to December 31st, 1907.....	1,500 00
Salary of R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary, to March 31st, 1908.....	666 66
Salary of R. L. Gunn, Auditor, to November 30th, 1908	200 00
Salary of H. Vigeon, Auditor, to February 29th, 1908..	75 00
Salaries of Office Staff, one year, to May 31st, 1908	1,955 20
Superannuation Allowance to former Chief Clerk, nine months	599 97
Incidental Expenses, Grand Secretary's office.....	647 20
Printing and Stationery.....	2,951 57
Certificates and Warrants	700 00
Bell Telephone Co.....	57 00
Insurance	61 83
Safety Deposit Box, Toronto General Trusts Corporation	25 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, office rent.....	460 00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at Ottawa.....	1,727 35
Expenses of Committees and Delegates	37 85
Chairman of Committee on Benevolence, Postage, etc..	20 00
Inspection of Benevolent Grants	750 00
Traveling Expenses of Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, on account	400 00
Expenses for Funerals, Wreaths, etc.....	115 25
Masonic Relief Association, Membership Subscription ..	188 14
Portraits of Past Grand Masters	223 00
Testimonial to M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, P.G.M.	312 10
New Grand Lodge Regalia, including duty and charges ..	1,506 30
Repairs to Old Regalia, etc.....	33 20
	\$15,412 62
Grants for Benevolence.....	21,956 30
Debenture Investments during the year, including accrued interest—	
Town of Kincardine.....\$ 510 25	
City of Toronto.....	5,466 40
City of Hamilton	2,869 62
City of Port Arthur.....	1,009 31
City of Berlin.....	5,704 62
	15,560 20
	\$52,929 12

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

For the Year Ending 31st May, 1908.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Amount.
61	Acacia	Hamilton	\$ 6 00
87	Markham Union	Markham	7 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	3 00
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	1 00
303	Blyth	Blyth	50 00
322	North Star	Owen Sound	121 00
6	Barton	Hamilton	433 20
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	3 00
177	The Builders	Ottawa	53 00
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	150 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	100 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	1 00
140	Malahide	Aylmer	10 00
382	Doric	Hamilton	330 50
258	Guelph	Guelph	125 00
368	Salem	Brockville	16 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton	5 00
424	Doric	Pickering	11 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	1 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	38 00
225	Bernard	Listowel	19 00
30	Composite	Whitby	22 00
136	Richardson	Stouffville	9 00
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	8 00
343	Georgina	Toronto	120 00
346	Occident	Toronto	17 00
395	Parvaim	Comber	15 50
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	45 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton	8 00
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	6 00
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	6 00
471	King Edward VII	Chippewa	44 00
257	Galt	Galt	6 00
404	Lorne	Tamworth	8 00
18	Prince Edward	Picton	4 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	34 00
164	Star in the East	Wellington	29 00
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	39 00
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	6 00
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	80 00
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	44 50
481	Corinthian	Toronto	174 00
33	Trent	Trenton	18 50
91	Colborne	Colborne	116 00
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	7 00
6	Barton	Hamilton	74 80
56	Victoria	Sarnia	93 00

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Amount.
371	Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	\$ 6 00
410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	33 00
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	9 00
442	Dymont.....	Thessalon.....	76 00
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	112 00
121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	32 00
123	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	6 00
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	61 00
283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	34 00
469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	13 00
46	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	12 00
61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	25 00
186	Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet.....	14 00
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	10 00
446	Granite.....	Fort Frances.....	20 00
229	Ionic.....	Brampton.....	16 00
339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	37 00
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	19 00
434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	19 00
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	10 00
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	205 00
334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	16 00
423	Strong.....	Sunridge.....	25 00
269	Brougham Union.....	Brongham.....	2 00
412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	300 00
192	Orillia.....	Orillia.....	143 00
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	83 00
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	4 00
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	4 00
312	Phyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	12 00
	M. W. Bro. Sutherland.....	Rochester.....	22 60
461	Ionic.....	Rainy River.....	63 00
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	33 00
92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	25 00
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	16 00
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	42 00
	Bro. J. P. Muir.....	Hamilton.....	5 00
466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	55 00
462	Temiscaming.....	New Liskeard.....	13 00
299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	2 00
166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	16 00
377	Lorne.....	Shelburne.....	40 00
438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	200 00
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	300 00
403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	125 00
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	22 00
391	Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	73 00
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	8 00
347	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	20 00
97	Sharon.....	Queensville.....	2 00
43	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	74 00
394	King Solomon's.....	Thamesford.....	2 00
304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	1 00
369	Mimico.....	Lambton Mills.....	50 00
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	5 00

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Amount.
96	Corinthian	Barrie.....	\$ 150 00
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	39 50
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	12 00
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	50 00
406	Spry.....	Fencelon Falls.....	15 00
129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	24 50
24	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	33 82
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	10 00
221	Mountain.....	Thorold.....	35 00
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	12 05
171	Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence Station.....	9 50
376	Unity.....	Huntsville.....	18 00
470	Victoria.....	Victoria Harbor.....	28 00
384	Alpha.....	Toronto.....	53 00
186	Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet.....	9 00
256	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	6 00
18	Prince Edward.....	Pictou.....	6 00
30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	9 00
145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	3 00
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	7 00
378	King Solomon's.....	London.....	14 00
426	Stanley.....	Toronto.....	47 00
26	Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	63 00
474	Victoria.....	Toronto West.....	31 00
313	Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	11 00
356	River Park.....	Streetsville.....	13 00
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	7 00
362	Maple Leaf.....	Tara.....	21 00
463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	3 00
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	2 00
96	Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	48 00
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	35 00
302	St. David's.....	St. Thomas.....	25 00
110	Central.....	Prescott.....	6 00
180	Speed.....	Guelph.....	21 60
131	St. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	38 00
402	Central.....	Essex.....	39 00
92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	25 00
312	Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	15 00
330	Corinthian.....	London.....	5 00
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	8 00
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	7 00
94	St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	21 00
452	Avonmore.....	Avonmore.....	6 00
92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	25 00
466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	32 00
405	Mattawa.....	Mattawa.....	16 00
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	235 00
24	St. Francis.....	Smith's Fall's.....	50 00
469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	14 00
236	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	50 00
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	25 00
323	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	2 25
400	Oakville.....	Oakville.....	42 86
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	50 00

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Amount.
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	\$ 37 00
347	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	29 00
21a	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	3 00
9	Union.....	Napanee.. . . .	82 50
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	8 00
410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	168 00
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	356 00
398	Victoria.....	Kirkfield.....	3 00
259	Springfield....	Springfield.....	12 00
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	45 11
127	Franck.....	Frankford.....	19 00
394	King Solomon's.....	Thamesford.....	6 00
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	88 00
384	Alpha.....	Toronto.....	25 10
65	Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	50 00
460	Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	20 00
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	50 00
54	Vaughan.....	Maple.....	20 00
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	11 00
345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	16 00
304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	5 00
62	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	1 00
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	21 00
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	12 00
236	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	48 00
137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	100 00
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	90 15
40	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	1200 00

Total receipts on Capital Account year ending May 31st, 1908. \$ 9,205 54

Previously acknowledged at page 67, Proceedings for 1907 34,948 75

Gross receipts on Capital Account to May 31st, 1908.\$44,154 29

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

1907

June	3	Deposit	\$ 67 00
"	4	"	554 20
"	12	"	312 00
"	18	"	340 50
"	21	"	2 3 50
"	25	"	69 00
"	26	"	244 50
"	27	"	62 00
"	29	"	418 50
July	3	"	134 50
"	4	"	174 80
"	5	"	39 00
"	8	"	229 00
"	8	"	114 00
"	9	"	81 00

July	10	Deposit	\$ 91 00
"	11	"	215 00
"	13	"	41 00
"	23	"	532 00
Aug.	19	"	134 60
"	27	"	83 00
Sept.	18	"	323 00
"	30	"	258 00
Oct.	4	"	300 00
"	21	"	125 00
"	30	"	123 00
Nov.	16	"	76 00
"	30	"	18 48
Dec.	2	"	343 64
"	2	"	93 00
"	21	"	374 82
"	31	"	170 55
1908			
Jan.	3	"	292 50
"	11	"	226 00
"	31	"	149 60
Feb.	5	"	114 00
"	15	"	62 00
"	29	"	372 00
Mar.	7	"	75 00
"	14	"	95 11
"	21	"	287 00
"	31	"	290 50
April	11	"	356 00
"	25	"	488 21
"	30	"	117 00
"	30	"	13 57
May	30	"	1587 55
			\$10,931 63

SUMMARY.

Capital Account	\$ 9,205 54
Revenue Account	1,726 09
\$10 931 63	

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

REVENUE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING MAY 31st, 1908.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Accrued Interest on Debentures at Date of Purchase—

Town of Galt	\$ 36 09
Town of Kincardine.	0 95
Town of Owen Sound	2 90
City of Peterborough.	18 56
Township of Saltfleet.	36 78
Grants for Benevolence.	1,210 00
Balance at Credit, May 31st, 1908.	428 28
	\$1,733 56

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Investments—

Town of Galt, Debentures.	\$ 80 00
Town of Kincardine, Debentures.	25 00
Town of Oshawa, "	237 24
City of Ottawa, "	500 00
City of Peterborough, "	80 00
City of St. Catharines, "	212 80
Township of Saltfleet. "	200 00
City of Toronto, "	175 00
City of Woodstock, "	180 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, dividend.	4 00
Canadian Bank of Commerce, interest.	32 05

Total Cash Receipts. \$ 1,726 09

Accruing Interest, East Toronto Debentures, deducted
from Purchase Money. 7 47

\$1,733 56

Balance at Credit, May 31st, 1908. \$ 428 28

LIST OF DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

DATE.	No.	Lodge.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
July 2, 1907	391	Howard.	Ridgetown.	Divine service
" 2, "	389	Crystal Fountain	N. Augusta.	Divine service
" 4, "	230	Kerr.	Barrie.	To initiate
" 5, "	418	Maxville.	Maxville.	Divine service
" 5, "	455	Doric.	Little Current.	To install
" 10, "	193	Scotland	Scotland	Divine service
" 16, "	239	Tweed.	Tweed.	Divine service
" 16, "	69	Stirling.	Stirling	Divine service
" 16, "	69	Stirling.	Stirling	To install
" 16, "	91	Colborne.	Colborne.	Divine service
" 16, "	161	Percy.	Warkworth	Divine service
" 20, "	304	Minerva.	Stroud.	Divine service
" 23, "	186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	Divine service
" 23, "	392	Huron.	Camlachie.	Divine service
" 26, "	456	Elna.	Monkton	Divine service
" 26, "	403	Windsor.	Windsor	Divine service
" 27, "	128	Pembroke.	Pembroke.	To hold a picnic
Aug. 1, "	34	Pembroke.	Pembroke.	To initiate
" 15, "	388	Henderson	Amherstburg	To initiate
" 16, "	203	Irvine.	Ilderton.	Divine service
" 19, "	370	Harmony	Elora.	Divine service
" 19, "	242	Macy.	Delta	To install
" 27, "	156	York.	Mallorytown.	To hold an excursion
Sept. 9, "	461	Ionic.	Eglinton.	To initiate
" 9, "	463	North Entrance	Rainy River.	Divine service
" 9, "			Haliburton.	To initiate

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
Sept. 9, 1907	88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	To initiate
" 10, "	272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	Divine service
" 11, "	34	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	To decorate graves
" 14, "	205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	Divine service
" 16, "	170	Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	Divine service
" 19, "	222	Marmora.....	Marmora.....	Divine service
" 20, "	464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	Divine service
" 24, "	291	Dufferin.....	West Flamboro.....	Divine service
" 24, "	297	Preston.....	Preston.....	To initiate
" 26, "	412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	To initiate
Oct. 2, "	357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	Divine service
" 7, "	264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	To raise within time
" 16, "	408	Murray.....	Beaverton.....	Divine service
" 16, "	279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	To initiate
" 21, "	37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	To initiate
" 22, "	127	Franck.....	Frankford.....	To initiate
" 28, "	270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	To initiate
" 28, "	U D.	Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	Divine service
" 28, "	367	St. George's.....	Toronto.....	At Home
Nov. 1, "	181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	Divine service
" 1, "	98	True Blue.....	Albion.....	To install
" 1, "	3	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	To initiate
" 4, "	100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	Divine service
" 5, "	283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	Divine service
" 8, "	455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	Divine service

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
Nov. 11, 1907	256	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	To initiate
" 21, "	478	Milverton.....	Milverton.....	To initiate
" 22, "	313	Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	To install
" 23, "	164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	Divine service
" 23, "	131	St. Lawrence.....	Wellington.....	To elect
" 23, "	476	Corinthian.....	Southampton.....	To hold a banquet
" 23, "	356	River Park.....	North Gower.....	To initiate
" 25, "	123	Belleville.....	Streetsville.....	To initiate
" 27, "	46	Wellington.....	Belleville.....	To initiate
" 27, "	412	Keystone.....	Chatham.....	At Home
" 27, "	137	Pythagoras.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	To initiate
Dec. 2, "	264	Chaudiere.....	Meaford.....	To install
" 4, "	247	Ashlar.....	Ottawa.....	To install
" 4, "	444	Nitetic.....	Toronto.....	To initiate
" 5, "	90	Manito.....	Greenmore.....	To elect
" 5, "	389	Crystal Fountain.....	Collingwood.....	To elect
" 5, "	22	King Solomon's.....	North Augusta.....	To install
" 5, "	376	Unity.....	Toronto.....	To initiate
" 6, "	424	Doric.....	Huntsville.....	To initiate
" 6, "	312	Pnyx.....	Pickering.....	To initiate
" 7, "	55	Merrickville.....	Wallaceburg.....	To initiate
" 9, "	403	Windor.....	Merrickville.....	To initiate
" 9, "	374	Keene.....	Windor.....	To elect
" 12, "	291	Dufferin.....	Keene.....	To initiate
" 14, "	47	Great Western.....	West Flamboro.....	To install
			Windor.....	To install

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
Dec. 16, 1907	435	Havelock	Havelock	To install
" 16, "	384	Alpha	Toronto.	To install
" 18, "	439	Alexandria	Alexandria.	To install
" 21, "	93	Northern Light	Kincardine	To elect
" 21, "	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	To elect
" 21, "	101	Corinthian	Peterborough.	To install
" 21, "	155	Peterborough	Peterborough.	To install
" 21, "	446	Granite	Fort Francis	To install
" 23, "	24	St. Francis.	Smith's Falls.	To elect
" 24, "	27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	Divine service
" 24, "	43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	To initiate
" 24, "	423	Strong	Sunridge	Divine service
" 26, "	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	To install
" 26, "	434	Algonquin	Emsdale	To elect
" 30, "	425	St. Clair	Sombra	To install
" 30, "	44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Divine service
" 30, "	435	Havelock	Havelock	To install
" 31, "	65	Rehoboth	Toronto.	At Home
Jan. 2, 1908	147	Mississippi	Almonte	To install
" 3, "	123	The Belleville	Belleville.	To initiate
" 4, "	346	Occident	Toronto.	At Home
" 4, "	337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	To elect
" 4, "	361	Waverley	Guelph.	To install
" 6, "	105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls.	At Home
" 8, "	400	Oakville	Oakville	To install

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
Jan. 8, 1908	255	Sydenham	Dresden	Divine service
" 9, "	171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Station	To install
" 9, "	456	Elma	Monkton	To initiate
" 10, "	450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	To install
" 10, "	314	Blair	Palmerston	To initiate
" 11, "	337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	To install
" 11, "	433	Bonnechere	Eganville	To install
" 14, "	352	Granite	Parry Sound	To initiate
" 14, "	125	Cornwall	Cornwall	At Home
" 15, "	478	Milvorton	Milvorton	Divine service
" 16, "	259	Springfield	Springfield	To initiate
" 17, "	46	Wellington	Chatham	Divine service
" 17, "	438	Harmony	Toronto	At Home
" 21, "	304	Minerva	Stroud	To initiate
" 21, "	39	Mt. Zion	Brooklin	At Home
" 22, "	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	At Home
" 28, "	473	The Beaches	Toronto	At Home
" 28, "	410	Zeta	Toronto	At Home
" 29, "	478	Milvorton	Milvorton	To initiate
" 29, "	386	McColl.	West Lorne	Divine service
Feb. 4, "	369	Nimico	Lambton Mills	At Home
" 5, "	279	New Hope	Hespeler	At Home
" 5, "	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	At Home
" 6, "	383	Henderson	Winchester	To install
" 7, "	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	At Home
" 8, "				

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
Feb. 10, 1908	336	Highgate	Highgate	At Home
" 10, "	43	King Solomon's.	Woodstock	To initiate
" 11, "	325	Orono	Orono	To initiate
" 13, "	30	Composite	Whitby	At Home
" 14, "	90	Manito	Collingwood	At Home
" 14, "	218	Stevenson.	Toronto	At Home
" 14, "	218	Stevenson.	Toronto	To initiate
" 17, "	218	Stevenson.	Toronto	To initiate
" 17, "	110	Central	Prescott	At Home
" 18, "	383	Henderson.	Winchester	At Home
" 18, "	245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	To hold a banquet
" 19, "	76	Oxford.	Woodstock	To initiate
" 19, "	U. D.	Silver.	Cobalt	Divine service
" 20, "	427	Nickel.	Sudbury	At Home
" 24, "	165	Burlington.	Burlington	At Home
" 24, "	137	Pythagoras.	Meaford	At Home
" 25, "	75	St. John's.	Toronto	At Home
" 26, "	403	Windsor	Windsor	At Home
Mar. 2, "	144	Tecumseh.	Stratford	To initiate
" 2, "	U. D.	Bancroft.	Bancroft	To initiate
" 3, "	141	Tudor	Mitchell	To initiate
" 6, "	167	St. Paul's.	Lambeth	At Home
" 7, "	158	Alexandra.	Oil Springs	To initiate
" 9, 1908	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	To initiate
" 11, "	437	Tuscan	Sarnia	To initiate

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	Lodge.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
Mar 11, 1908	443	Powassan	Powassan	To initiate
" 11, "	428	Fidelity	Port Perry	To initiate
" 12, "	323	Alvinston	Alvinston	At home
" 14, "	223	Norwood	Norwood	To initiate
" 19, "	322	North Star	Owen Sound	At home
" 21, "	263	Forest	Forest	To initiate
" 23, "	378	King Solomon's	London	At home
" 31, "	373	Copestone	Welland	To initiate
" 31, "	464	King Edward	Sunderland	At home
April 3, "	5	Sussex	Brockville	To initiate
" 3, "	209	Evergreen	Lanark	To initiate
" 4, "	143	Friendly Bros.	Iroquois	To initiate
" 16, "	170	Britannia	Seaforth	To initiate
" 22, "	462	Teniscuing	New Liskeard	To raise within time
" 23, "	223	Norwood	Norwood	To initiate
May 2, "	166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Divine service
" 9, "	372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	Divine service
" 11, "	472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	Divine service
" 11, "	473	The Beaches	Toronto	At home
" 12, "	286	Wingham	Wingham	To invest
" 12, "	471	King Edward VII	Chippawa	Divine service
" 13, "	126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	At home
" 14, "	344	Merrill	Dorchester Stn.	To initiate
" 18, "	469	Algona	Sault Ste Marie	Divine service
" 21, "	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	To elect

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
May 27, 1908	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	To initiate
" 27, "	379	Middlesex	Bryanston	Divine service
" 28, "	184	Old Light	Lucknow	At home
" 28, "	236	Manitoba	Cookstown	Divine service
" 29, "	396	Cedar	Warton	Divine service
June 1, "	420	Nipissing	North Bay	To elect
" 2, "	440	Arcadia	Minden	To install
" 2, "	440	Arcadia	Minden	Divine service
" 2, "	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	To hold excursion
" 3, "	404	Lorne	Tamworth	Divine service
" 3, "	442	Dymont	Thessalon	Divine service
" 3, "	249	Caledonian	Midland	To meet in other hall
" 4, "	36	River Park	Streetsville	Divine service
" 5, "	439	Alexandria	Alexandria	To hold a banquet
" 5, "	360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	Divine service
" 5, "	219	Credit	Georgetown	Divine service
" 5, "	223	Norwood	Norwood	Divine service
" 5, "	27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	To initiate
" 6, "	313	Clementi	Lakefield	Divine service
" 6, "	100	Valley	Dundas	To elect
" 8, "	U. D.	Haileybury	Haileybury	Divine service
" 8, "	408	Murray	Beaverton	Divine service
" 9, "	122	Renfrew	Renfrew	Divine service
" 9, "	395	Parvaim	Comber	Divine service
" 9, "	343	Georgina	Toronto	To install

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	Lodge.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
June 10, 1908	385	Spry	Beeton	Divine service
" 10, "	406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	To initiate
" 10, "	375	Lorne	Omamee	To install
" 10, "	258	Guelph	Guelph	Divine service
" 11, "	473	The Beaches	Toronto	Divine service
" 11, "	400	Oakville	Oakville	Divine service
" 12, "	465	Carleton	Carleton	Divine service
" 12, "	232	Cameron	Dutton	Divine service
" 12, "	119	Maple Leaf	Bath	Divine service
" 12, "	83	Beaver	Strathroy	Divine service
" 12, "	256	Faran's Point	Aultsville	At home
" 13, "	30	Composite	Whitby	Divine service
" 13, "	461	Ionic	Rainy River	Divine service
" 13, "	410	Zeta	Toronto	Divine service
" 13, "	129	Rising Sun	Aurora	To initiate
" 15, "	141	Tudor	Mitlenell	Divine service
" 15, "	155	Peterborough	Peterborough	Divine service
" 15, "	312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	Divine service
" 15, "	406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	Divine service
" 15, "	474	Victoria	West Toronto	Divine service
" 15, "	373	Copestone	Welland	Divine service
" 15, "	453	Royal	Fort William	Divine service
" 16, "	327	The Hammond	Wardville	Divine service
" 16, "	200	St. Alban's	Mt. Forest	To install
" 16, "	368	Salem	Brockville	Divine service
" 16, "	239	Tweed	Tweed	Divine service

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
June 16, 1908	237	Vienna	Vienna	To install
" 16, "	37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	Divine service
" 16, "	201	Leeds	Gananoque	Divine service
" 16, "	190	Belmont	Belmont	Divine service
" 16, "	376	Unity	Huntsville	Divine service
" 17, "	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	Divine service
" 17, "	14	True Britons	Perth	Divine service
" 17, "	256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	At home
" 17, "	267	Parthenon	Chatham	Divine service
" 17, "	409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	Divine service
" 17, "	159	Goodwood	Richmond W.	Divine service
" 17, "	447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	Divine service
" 17, "	344	Merrill	Dorchester Sta.	To install
" 18, "	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	Divine service
" 18, "	114	Hope	Port Hope	Divine service
" 18, "	91	Colborne	Colborne	Divine service
" 18, "	129	Rising Sun	Aurora	To initiate
" 18, "	U. D.	Penewobikong	Blind River	Divine service
" 18, "	184	Old Light	Lucknow	Divine service
" 19, "	40	St. John's	Hamilton	Divine service
" 19, "	32	Amity	Dunnville	Divine service
" 19, "	68	St. John's	Ingersoll	Divine service
" 19, "	41	St. George's	Kingsville	Divine service
" 19, "	233	Doric	Parkhill	Divine service
" 19, "	249	Caledonian	Midland	Divine service
" 19, "	283	Eureka	Belleville	Divine service

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE.	No.	LOUPE.	LOCATION.	PURPOSE.
June 19, 1908	299	Victoria	Centreville	Divine service
" 20, "	137	Pythagoras	Meaford	Divine service
" 22, "	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	Divine service
" 22, "	52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	To invest officers
" 22, "	77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	Divine Service
" 22, "	128	Pembroke	Pembroke	Divine Service
" 22, "	142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	Divine Service
" 22, "	345	Nilestown	Nileston	Divine Service
" 22, "	449	Dundalk	Dundalk	Divine Service
" 23, "	33	Maitland	Goderich	Divine Service
" 23, "	129	Rising Sun	Aurora	Divine Service
" 23, "	242	Macoy	Mallorytown	Divine Service
" 23, "	359	Vittoria	Vittoria	Divine Service
" 23, "	420	Nipissing	North Bay	Divine Service
" 23, "	435	Havelock	Havelock	Divine service
" 24, "	456	Elma	Monkton	To install
" 24, "	434	Algonquin	Emsdale	Divine service
" 26, "	165	Burlington	Burlington	Divine service
" 26, "	48	Madoc	Madoc	Divine service
" 26, "	90	Manito	Collingwood	Divine service
" 27, "	87	Markham Union	Markham	Divine service
" 29, "	459	Coblen	Coblen	Divine service
" 29, "	120	Warren	Fingal	Divine service
" 29, "	260	Washington	Petrolia	Divine service
" 30, "	104	St. John's	Norwich	Divine service
" 30, "	458	Wales	Wales	Divine service

LIST OF BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE
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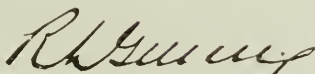
	Date	Lodge	No.	Place
1907	June 26	The Builders.....	177,	Ottawa
"	July 10	Wilson	86,	Toronto
"	July 25	Clifford.....	315,	Clifford
"	Sept. 7	St. Thomas.	44,	St. Thomas
"	Sept. 16	Madoc.....	48,	Madoc
"	Oct. 28	Corinthian	96,	Barrie
"	Dec. 2	Granite.....	446,	Fort Francis
"	Dec. 5	St. John's.....	75,	Toronto
"	Dec. 12	Milverton	478,	Milverton
"	Dec. 16	Russell	479,	Russell
"	Dec. 27	Havelock.....	238,	Watford
1908	Feb. 19	Williamsburg	480,	Williamsburg
"	Mar. 18	Crystal Fountain..	389,	N. Augusta
"	Mar. 21	Erie	149,	Port Dover
"	April 9	Madawaska	196,	Arnprior
"	May 4	Stevenson	218,	Toronto
"	May 6	York	156,	Eglinton
"	May 18	St. Francis.....	24,	Smith's Falls
"	June 17	Seymour.....	272,	Ancaster
"	June 18	Jerusalem.....	31,	Bowmanville

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE
M. W. GRAND MASTER.

	Date	Lodge	No.	Place
1907	July 8	King Solomon's....	378,	London
"	July 12	Gore Bay.....	472,	Gore Bay
"	July 25	Wingham	286,	Wingham
"	July 25	Doric	289,	Lobo
"	Aug. 1	Manitoba.....	236,	Cookstown
"	Aug. 10	Windsor	403,	Windsor
"	Aug. 22	Great Western.....	47,	Windsor
"	Aug. 24	Lodge of Fidelity..	231,	Ottawa
"	Sept. 27	Doric	58,	Ottawa
"	Oct. 3	Hope	114,	Port Hope
"	Oct. 3	Nipissing.....	420,	North Bay
"	Oct. 14	St. John's.....	209a,	London
"	Oct. 17	St. John's.....	20,	London
"	Nov. 5	Lodge of Fidelity ..	231,	Ottawa
"	Nov. 11	Leopold	397,	Brigden
"	Nov. 14	Dalhousie.....	52,	Ottawa
"	Nov. 20	Prince of Wales..	371,	Ottawa
"	Nov. 27	The Beaches.....	473,	Toronto
"	Dec. 14	St. Andrews.....	16,	Toronto
"	Dec. 14	Stevenson.....	218,	Toronto
"	Dec. 16	Rising Sun.....	129,	Aurora
"	Dec. 16	Pequonga.....	414,	Kenora
1908,	Jan. 8	Tecumseh.....	245,	Thamesville
"	Jan. 21	St. John's.....	63,	Carleton Place
"	Feb. 1	Scott.....	421,	Grand Valley
"	Feb. 14	Zetland	326,	Toronto

1908, Feb. 26—Golden Rule.....	“	126, Campbellford
“ Mar. 3—Central.....	“	110, Prescott
“ Mar. 18—Parthenon.....	“	267, Chatham
“ Mar. 21—Erie.....	“	149, Port Dover
“ Mar. 26—Tecumseh.....	“	144, Stratford
“ Mar. 26—Tecumseh.....	“	245, Thamesville
“ Mar. 28—Kilwinning.....	“	64, London
“ Mar. 31—Victoria.....	“	470, Victoria Harbor
“ April 10—Clifton.....	“	254, Niagara Falls
“ April 10—The Belleville.....	“	123, Belleville
“ April 10—Teeswater.....	“	276, Teeswater
“ April 10—Warren.....	“	120, Fingal
“ May 4—Clementi.....	“	313, Lakefield
“ May 14—Parthenon.....	“	267, Chatham
“ May 18—Barton.....	“	6, Hamilton
“ May 23—Doric.....	“	121, Brantford
“ May 23—King Edward.....	“	464, Sunderland
“ May 28—Northern Light.....	“	93, Kincardine
“ June 2—Brant.....	“	45, Brantford
“ June 2—Burlington.....	“	165, Burlington
“ June 6—Sydenham.....	“	255, Dresden
“ June 17—Seymour.....	“	272, Ancaster
“ June 20—Teeswater.....	“	276, Teeswater
“ June 20—St. George's.....	“	367, Toronto

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary.

Niagara Falls, July 15th, 1908.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. H. Robertson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, and

Resolved, That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Board of General purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of submitting for your information my report upon the condition of Masonry in No. 1 District.

Shortly after the last annual convocation of Grand Lodge, I addressed all the lodges in the district on the matter of arrears of dues and unaffiliated Masons residing under their jurisdiction, recommending in the former that an earnest effort on the part of the Worshipful Master and Secretary be made to reduce the amount carried on the books as a doubtful asset, and in cases where the payment of the amount charged against a brother would entail hardship for him or his family that a compromise be effected, or the dues remitted entirely, thus preventing the brother from joining the ranks of the suspended for N. P. D. or the army of non-affiliates, and, in the latter, suggesting that an endeavor be made to bring into the lodge those now without the pale.

I later addressed the lodge on the Semi-Centennial Fund, deeming the subject of sufficient importance to make a separate communication on the matter, presenting to the brethren the urgent need of our beneficiaries as the reason why the amount asked for should be promptly contributed and placed at the disposal of the Grand Lodge.

The following deaths have been reported to me:

Bro Wm. Borrowman, Thistle Lodge 34, Amherstburg.

Bro. Chas. McArthur, Henry Meisner and Wm. R. Burnett, of Great Western Lodge 47, Windsor.

Bro. A. H. White and Wor. Bro. Bates, of Wellington Lodge, 46, Chatham.

Bros. Capt. H. Weston and John Dowswell, Sydenham Lodge, 255, Dresden.

Bro H. Cranston, Pnyx Lodge, 312, Wallaceburg.

Bro. John F. Sherwood, Leamington Lodge, 290, Leamington.

Bros. G. J. Thomas, Albert H. Wigle and C. M. Caughill, Lodge 402, Essex.

Bros. A. W. Davidson and Thos. E. Crocker, Windsor Lodge, 403, Windsor.

Wor. Bro. S. C. Zimmerman, King Edward Lodge (U.D.), Harrow.

On the invitation of brethren resident in the village of Harrow, I visited them with a view of ascertaining the prospects of a lodge at that point. St. George's Lodge, Kingsville, 9½ miles distant, from which most of the Harrow brethren hail, strongly recommended the formation of a lodge. A good room, which could be made suitable for craft purposes being available, on the petition of fourteen brethren I had no hesitation in recommending that a dispensation be granted to form a lodge, to be known as "King Edward," feeling assured that it would be in the interest of the craft.

Having received the dispensation and instructions from the Most Wor. Grand Master, I instituted this lodge on the 2nd of April in one of the most perfectly equipped and comfortably furnished lodge rooms it has been my privilege to visit.

This lodge had the very great misfortune to lose, by death, their Master elect, who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia on May 12th. Bro. Zimmerman, who was widely known and universally beloved and respected, leaves an enduring memorial of his love for and interest in the craft, in King Edward Lodge. He it was who built their altar, pedestals, columns and tools, the latter with his own hands. Bro. Zimmerman was buried with Masonic honors on the 16th of May, Right Wor. Bro. Allworth, of

Kingsville, conducting the services. Brethren were present from Kingsville, Amherstburg, Windsor and other points.

The Most Wor. Grand Master was pleased to grant dispensation, on the nomination of the brethren, to advance the several officers filling the vacancy caused by the death of the Master.

RIGHT WOR. BRO. T. C. MACNABB.

I had the pleasure of being present at several of the lodges in the district when a letter from a special committee appointed by Wellington, 46, and Parthenon, 267, Chatham, respecting a testimonial to Right Wor. Bro. T. C. MacNabb, was read.

Bro. MacNabb, beloved by all who were privileged to know him, may be considered the father of Masonry in Erie District. In the past, when the facilities for traveling were not what they are to-day, when to reach many of the lodges long drives over roads none too good were necessary, this Right Wor. Bro. found no duty too heavy, no distance too great, where the interest of Masonry was concerned, and was always ready with his time and means to serve his brethren in the craft. Now that he has reached the sear and yellow leaf of old age and totally blind, these lodges, of which he was a life-long member, took the initiative to place before the whole district the opportunity to participate in the worthy undertaking of presenting to Right Wor. Bro. MacNabb a fitting testimonial of their love and esteem. Many of the lodges have responded liberally, and others will, and a substantial purse will be presented to the Right Wor. Brother.

As I desire to make my report as brief as possible, and convey to you the condition of Masonry in general in the district, I will not go into the detail at length of each visit I have made to the lodges. I have visited every lodge in the district, some more than once, and can report a general efficiency in the officers, from Wor. Master down, that bespeaks for the future the same careful work and administration of lodge affairs that has obtained in the past. There is a uniformity in the work presented by the several lodges that reflects great credit on my predecessors in the office of District Master, and

the expressed desire of the officers of all the lodges to be exactly right in their work insures a continuance of that uniformity. I have not found it necessary to criticize severely any of the lodges, and to correct but few, and every correction or suggestion I have made has been kindly received by the brethren.

While absolute correctness of the language of the ritual, as transmitted to us, is to be desired, I have generally laid more stress upon the need of rendering work impressively, endeavoring to make it the aim of each and every officer to brand indelibly upon the minds of the initiates and candidates the lessons we inculcate, that they may carry with them and practice in every path of life the precepts delivered within the lodge portals.

The secretaries of the lodges have been well selected and well suited to the duties of their offices, their work being carefully and promptly executed.

Many applications have been received by the lodges, and the officers and members generally are very careful in the selection of material for membership.

There have been but few cases where the perfect harmony in the lodges has been at all disturbed. In one case only has trial resulted, the brother being found guilty and suspended.

I referred to the Grand Master two cases of irregular ballot, one on account of constitutional seven days' notice not being given; the other an insufficient number of black balls available. In both cases another ballot was ordered.

I have observed many methods of taking the ballot on the application of candidates. That which appeals to me most forcibly is where every member is given one white and one black ball. The ballot is then taken, examined, declared, and then destroyed by collecting the unused ballot in the brother's hands by the deacon in the usual way. I should like to see this plan made obligatory by Grand Lodge. It would wholly prevent the possibility of the irregularity above referred to, and protect the secrecy of the ballot.

In presenting to the lodges the claim of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the duty we owe to Grand

Lodge to make good our endorsement of the project, and the great need of such a fund, if we are to perpetuate the relief work of the Benevolence Committee, and have appealed as forcibly as I could to the brethren to practice the lesson of the North East Corner on this, the first request made by Grand Lodge. I have received many assurances from the Wor. Masters and Secretaries that the work would be pushed forward, and I hope that the report of this year will not find Erie District in the unenviable position of having contributed a smaller per capita amount than any other district in the Grand Lodge.

I have also compared our system of extending assistance to our distressed brethren, their widows and orphans, as possessing many advantages over the systems prevailing under some of our sister jurisdictions in the United States, where expensive homes have been erected and are maintained at no small cost, where those benefited are wholly dependent upon Masonic charity, while under our system we leave them a full measure of independence.

I wish to convey to the Wor. Master, Officers and Members of every lodge in the District my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown me and my appreciation of their friendship and good-fellowship in the entertainment offered after the labors of the lodge were over, the dainty lunch served in the lodge room, and the elaborate dinner served in the dining room being equally enjoyed. It has fully compensated for the nearly 2,500 miles of travel and the absence of about a month in the aggregate from my own hearth. My only regret has been that my visits were necessarily restricted as to duration.

VISITS.

December 9, 1907.—Kent Lodge, 274, Blenheim.—After the regular business of the lodge was disposed of, a first degree was conferred in a very creditable manner, after which I installed and invested the officers for 1908.

December 26, 1907.—Great Western Lodge 47, Windsor.—I had the pleasure of assisting Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. E. White, P.D.D.G.M., with the installation of the officers of this lodge.

December 27, 1907.—Wellington Lodge 46, Chatham.—I visited this lodge fraternally and witnessed the installation of the new officers by Wor. Bro. Musson, the retiring Wor. Master, which he executed without reference to the ceremonies—something unique, I thought, but I learned that it had been done in Wellington Lodge 35 years before by Wor. Bro. Greening, who was present on this occasion.

January 3, 1908.—I had the pleasure of installing and investing, with the assistance of P.D.D.G.M.'s, the officers of my own lodge, Windsor 403.

February 12, 1908.—Parthenon Lodge 267, Chatham.—On my visit to Parthenon on the above date, I found it was also the occasion of a fraternal visit from the brethren of Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburg, some 25 or 30 members being present. Wor. Bro. Geo. Massey, who was leaving Chatham, after some fourteen years' residence, was made the recipient of the Past Master's jewel by the lodges, and an address from the combined Masonic bodies. Rt. Wor. Bro. Fraser was presented with the P.D.D.G.M. regalia, after which the Wor. Master conferred a third degree in a most perfect and impressive manner.

February 13, 1908.—Xenophon Lodge 448, Wheatley.—This being a regular meeting of the lodge, the routine business was disposed of, after which the first degree was exemplified upon one of the members of the lodge, a candidate not being available, the work, including the lecture and charge being well done.

February 14, 1908. Parvain Lodge 395, Comber.—Past Master Anderson conferred the first degree very satisfactorily, and the brethren of Comber are an enthusiastic lot of Masons.

February 27, 1908.—Sydenham Lodge 255, Dresden.—The Wor. Master Bro. Bedell exemplified the third degree upon a candidate in excellent style.

March 5, 1908.—Great Western Lodge 47, Windsor.—The Wor. Master Bro. English and the Immed. Past Master Bro. Gatfield each conferred a third degree upon candidates in a faultless manner. The floor work of this lodge is very precise, improvement being well nigh impossible.

March 11, 1908.—Century Lodge 457, Merlin.—There being no available candidate, the lodge opened in the several degrees, the questions arising on the work being discussed and answered. The officers are competent and earnest.

March 12, 1908.—Lorne Lodge 282, Glencoe.—The first degree was very impressively conferred upon two candidates by the Wor. Master Bro. Hughson and Past Master Elliott. All the officers showed familiarity with their work.

March 17, 1908.—Leamington Lodge No. 290, Leamington.—Past Master Wor. Bro. Rowley conferred a third degree upon a candidate very beautifully, the Wor. Master being unavoidably absent on account of illness in his family.

March 31, 1908.—Thistle Lodge No. 34, Amherstburg.—I was accompanied by about fifty members of Great Western and Windsor Lodges on the occasion of my visit to this lodge. The work of the evening consisted of the first degrees, one being conferred by the Wor. Master, other two by Past Masters of the lodge, the work being particularly well done. Thistle Lodge has organized a club, occupying a large room adjacent to their lodge—billiard, pool, card and reading tables are provided with newspapers and magazines. The club is open at all times excepting when the lodge is meeting, and is well patronized, and provides recreation for both young and old members without any of the temptations which are too often present in public places.

April 2, 1908.—King Edward Lodge (U.D.), Harrow.—With the assistance of Wor. Bro. Miers, of Windsor Lodge, I instituted this new lodge with full staff of officers, and feel assured that they will give a good account of their stewardship.

April 13, 1908.—Tecumseh Lodge No. 245, Thamesville.—The first degree was conferred by the Wor. Master and a third by Past Master Currie. As expected in this Right Wor. Bro. Fraser's Lodge, the work was of a high order.

April 14, 1908.—Hammond Lodge 327, Wardsville.—The membership of this lodge, which is not large, is scattered over a large area, and the attendance is not as regular as could be wished. There being no candidate,

the Wor. Master opened in the several degrees with careful attention to detail.

April 15, 1908.—Star of the East Lodge No. 422, Bothwell.—The third degree was conferred by the Wor. Master and his officers in a very pleasant manner, leaving but very little to correct or suggest.

April 16, 1908.—Florence Lodge No. 390, Florence.—I drove from Bothwell with very Wor. Bro. Pedlar, of Hamilton, who was to act as grand secretary at the dedication of the lodge room, which was conducted by Right Wor. Bro. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master. The D.G. M., who was accompanied by Right Wor. Bro. Hodgins, Past Grand Chaplain, of Chatham, had to hasten away early in the afternoon to keep an engagement elsewhere. The Wor. Master exemplified the first degree in the afternoon. A Past Maaster and the Wor. Master put on a second and third degree in the evening, showing all the way through their work a careful attention to detail.

May 11, 1908.—Howard Lodge No 391, Ridgetown.—The Wor. Master, Bro. Little, exemplified the first degree, his work being conducted in a highly commendable manner.

May 12, 1908.—Naphtali Lodge 413, Tilbury.—This lodge had the misfortune to be without a resident Master during last year, and, in consequence, suffered in the administration of its affairs, and the attendance of members fell off. They now have an able and energetic Master in Wor. Bro. Johnson, and a marked improvement may be expected. It was intended to confer first degree upon two candidates, the officers and members of Parvaim Lodge, Comber, to exemplify the work on one. One candidate, however, failed to appear, and rather than disappoint the brethren from Comber the work was put on by Wor. Bro. Anderson and the officers of Parvaim Lodge, the work being exceedingly well done.

May 13, 1908.—Rodney Lodge No. 411, Rodney.—The Wor. Master and officers of the lodge conferred a third degree in a very satisfactory manner. Questions arising in the course of the work were answered, and a few minor corrections made.

May 14, 1908.—St. George's Lodge No. 41, Kingsville.—The first degree was conferred by the Wor. Master and his officers in a very perfect manner.

May 15, 1908.—Highgate Lodge No. 336, Highgate.—There being no candidates for initiation or advancement the Wor. Master opened the lodge in the several degrees, he and his officers showing exceptionally fine work.

June 1, 1908.—Wellington Lodge No. 46, Chatham—I witnessed a first degree exemplified by the Wor. Master under somewhat trying circumstances, the evening being very warm, and with military bands, brass and bugle, parading the streets in close proximity. Notwithstanding this distracting circumstance the work was effectively rendered.

June 10, 1908.—Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex—After the regular routine business of the lodge and the election of officers for the ensuing year, the Wor. Master opened the lodge through the several degrees, and any information requested by the brethren was imparted. Under the new officers I look for continued or even greater success. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Central Lodge on June 24th.

June 15, 1908.—Pynx Lodge No. 312, Wallaceburg.—The Wor. Master conferred a first degree upon a candidate in a very impressive manner.

June 23, 1908.—King Edward Lodge (U.D.), Harrow.—The Wor. Master elect, Bro. Richardson, after opening the lodge, with the able assistance of the Past Master, conferred the first degree upon a candidate in a very creditable manner. I have recommended that this lodge receive their warrant, as they are exceedingly well and comfortably equipped, and a more enthusiastic and energetic lodge it would be impossible to find.

Windsor Lodge No. 403.—At this, my own lodge, I seldom miss a meeting, regular or emergent. The work of the Master, Past Masters, and Junior Officers is always of an high order.

All of which is fraternally and respectfully submitted.

ROBERT H. KEVELL, D.D.G.M.,

Erie District No. 1.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren :

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in the St. Clair District, No. 2, during the past year, I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my deep appreciation to the brethren of the district for their confidence in electing me to the high office of D.D.G.M.

I also desire to thank the brethren for their kindness and courtesy shown me on every occasion during my visits. These favors and courtesies have been a source of great pleasure to me.

During my visits I have tried to impress upon the brethren the necessity as well as the laudable object of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and in some cases have met with a hearty response. I have no doubt that in the near future the wishes of the Grand Lodge will be fully complied with.

Upon a petition duly recommended, I applied to the M.W. the Grand Master for a dispensation to open a new lodge at Inwood, the circumstances attending which did not wholly meet with the approval of the M.W.G. Master. Consequently for the present it was not granted.

During the past year the following deaths have been reported to me :

Bro. Charles T. Giles, Bismark Lodge No. 419.

Bro. Peter Wellington, Point Edward.

Bro. George Holwell, P.D.D.G.M., of Cassia Lodge No. 116 Thedford.

Bro. Thos. R. K. Scott and Bro. Richard H. Robson, of Forest Lodge No 263.

Bro. Colin Kerr, Alvinston, No. 323.

Bro. J. McKenzie and Bro. W. Farr, of Victoria No. 56, Sarnia.

Bro. W. L. Lambert, of Burn's Lodge No. 153, Wyoming.

A lodge of instruction was held at Mount Bridges on March 12th, 1908. Over one hundred members of the craft were in attendance.

The afternoon session began shortly after two p.m., during which the first and second degrees were exemplified.

The first degree was exemplified by the Wor. Master Bro. J. H. Argue and officers of Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy. The work was so perfectly done that it called forth the highest praise from not only the critics, but also the Grand Master and D.G. Master.

The second was next exemplified by Wor. M. Bro. F. J. McKee and officers of Bismarck Lodge No. 419, Point Edward. This degree was equally well done, and received well-merited applause from all brethren present.

The evening session began at 7.30 p.m., about one hundred and fifty brethren being present. The first order of business was the reception of Grand Lodge officers, who were received with grand honors. I highly appreciate the honor of having the Most Worshipful Grand Master A. T. Freed, and also R. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt, D.G.M., present at these sessions. The third degree was exemplified by the I.P.M., Bro. C. E. Bateman, and officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Bridges. The work was so well done that criticism was out of the question, and the officers received well-merited praise.

The D.D.G.M. announced that the P.D.D.G.M. Right Wor. Bro. S. McWhorter was unable to be present owing to illness, and that the Grand Lodge regalia would be presented to him in Petrolia the coming week.

I have visited all the lodges in the district and found the work so well done that criticism was nearly impossible. I feel proud to say that each lodge had new

work on hand, which is a proof that the craft is in a flourishing condition in the district.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia: Visited this lodge February 4th. The work in this lodge was conferring the first degree by the W.M., Bro. A. V. Collins, which was done in a manner that called forth many expressions of praise for the officers of the lodge.

A pleasing feature was the rendering of the full choral service by the Victoria Lodge Choir, under the able direction of Bro. Wm. H. Buckley, which added much to the impressiveness of the ceremony.

The J. Warden's work, especially the lecture, is deserving of the highest praise.

I was much pleased with the number of P.M.'s who were present, and sincerely hope that they will not forget the influence they have in the craft.

Brother F. C. Watson is an ideal secretary, and his books are all that can be desired.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Bridges: Visited this lodge, January 14th. Regret to say that J. W. Toles, W.M., was unable to be present owing to illness in the family, but his place was very ably filled by P.M. Bro. C. Bateman. The officers exemplified the third degree in a very able manner. W. Bro. J. C. West is a very efficient and painstaking secretary, and takes a very lively interest in Masonry.

I also had the pleasure to present W. Bro. Bateman with a past master's jewel, which is a very commendable act of the lodges to their faithful officers.

The brethren, being good entertainers, a very pleasant hour was spent after the lodge was closed.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy: Visited this lodge January 24th, 1908. W.M. Bro. J. H. Argue conferred the first degree in a very impressive manner. The J. Warden's manner in giving the lecture was commented on by the visitors. This lodge is full of live Masons, which is no doubt owing to the number of P.M.'s to be found here every meeting.

I know the brethren appreciate their presence. W. Bro. R. T. Richardson is a model secretary and deserves the highest praise.

Beaver Lodge was instituted July, 1857, and was, therefore, fifty years old last July. The brethren, instead of celebrating their fiftieth anniversary by a ban-

quet, refurnished their lodge room with a beautiful new altar, (quarter-cut oak) candlesticks and working tools in commemoration of the event. A good example for all in the district.

After lodge was closed we spent a pleasant hour in the fourth degree. Right W. Bro. Whitehead's degree of raising his horse brought down the house.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford: Visited this lodge February 17th, 1908. P.M. J. D. Morrison and officers conferred the first degree with a great deal of accuracy and very impressively.

Opened and closed in the second and third degrees. All the work was exceedingly well done.

This lodge is prosperous, and has many enthusiastic Masons. Among them R.W. Bro. George Sutherland Bro. Ironsides and Bro. J. D. Morrison. The banquet after the lodge closed, was enjoyed by all present.

Burns' Lodge No. 153, Wyoming: Visited this lodge February 13th, 1908. Wor. Master Bro. W. L. Travis and the officers conferred the second degree. The work done was highly satisfactory. This is one of the most active lodges in the district; has many enthusiastic Masons in its membership, among whom might be mentioned R.W. Bro. Coghlan, Bro. Brodie, Bro. Parker, and Bro. Wilson. R.W. Bro. Coghlan, the secretary, is a model of activity and accuracy.

A pleasant hour was spent after the labors of the evening was over, and all retired to their homes well pleased with the evening.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs: Visited this lodge January 23rd, 1908. Bro. G. W. Short, P.M., and officers conferred the second degree; opened and closed the third degree. All the work was well done, and left no opening for criticism.

I was pleased to know that R.W. Bro. A. W. Park has his grip on the work as of old. I have no doubt that his influence, backed by W. Bro. Duggan, that the prosperity of this lodge will not be overlooked.

W. Bro. Duggan is one of the best qualified secretaries in the district, who looks after his office in a business-like manner.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia: By the request of Washington Lodge, No. 260, and Petrolia,

No. 194, we held a joint meeting March 17th for my official visit.

Bro. F. W. Mulligan, W.M., and officers conferred the first degree in a very efficient manner.

The J. Warden's lecture shows him to be well skilled in the craft. A very pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to I.P.M. Waddell.

The W.M. W. J. Barret and officers of Petrolia Lodge conferred the second degree in a manner which was appreciated by all. The work of both lodges as a whole was of the highest standard, every officer doing his part with honor to himself and credit to his lodge.

A large number of visitors were present, among whom were R.W., P.D.D.G.M. G. Sutherland, of Cassia Lodge No. 116. After lodge was closed a banquet was held at the Fletcher House.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford: Visited this lodge December 3rd, 1907, accompanied by several brethren of Arkona.

H. B. Stewart, W.M., and officers conferred the second degree. The work was almost faultless.

The brethren have lately renovated and furnished their lodge room, and have one of the most comfortable rooms in the district.

After the work was over a very social evening was spent.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest: Visited this lodge February 11th, 1908. Bro. G. A. Walters, W.M., conferred the second degree. The work of the W.M. and officers was well done, and was highly commented upon by the visiting brethren from Camlachie, Thedford, and Arkona.

Much credit is due to Bro. P. W. Campbell, the secretary, for the prosperity of the lodge. The dues are well looked after and books excellently kept.

After lodge was over a very pleasant hour was spent in the usual way.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright: Visited this lodge April 16th, 1908. Bro. F. A. Johnston, W.M., and the regular officers opened and closed in the several degrees, and conferred the second degree in a perfect manner. The attendance was fairly good, and the brethren evinced a keen interest in the good work of the craft.

F. J. Tully is deserving of praise for the excellent manner in which the books are kept.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307. Arkona: Visited this lodge May 14th, 1908. No regular candidate being on hand, Bro. F. Patterson, W.M., and officers conferred the first degree on a Brother, opened and closed in second and third degrees. The work of the W.M. was exceedingly well done. The work as a whole was fairly well done.

Bro. F. Nelson is a model secretary, who looks after his office and does not allow the members to fall behind for want of a reminder. Quite a number of visiting brethren were present from Forest and Thedford.

Closed with a pleasant hour spent in lodge room.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323. Alvinston: Visited this lodge March 11th, 1908. Bro. James Croft, W.M., and officers conferred the second degree very efficiently, the work of the wardens being especially well done.

This lodge is one of the best in the district, very prosperous, and the lodge room is a model of perfection, and the brethren take a just pride in its appearance.

W. Bro. W. E. German is a model secretary, and no doubt his work is highly appreciated by the members of his lodge.

After lodge closed a pleasant hour was spent.

On November 15th, 1907, I paid my first official visit to Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier, accompanied by Bro. B. Parker, P.M., district secretary.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the third degree by W. Master Bro. J. C. Sutherland and officers, which was done in a very able manner.

The Secretary, Bro. H. Lowe, is a very efficient officer and his books are very satisfactory, and the manner in which he provided for the entertainment of the visitors will be long remembered.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne: Visited this lodge May 13th, 1908. Brother I. J. Stevenson, W.M., conferred the second degree. The work was very well done by all the officers. Owing to the wet weather but few brethren were present. Bro. J. A. McEwen, secretary, is a new man in his office, but I have no doubt he will be a great help to the welfare of his lodge and the craft. After the work a pleasant hour was spent, and all went home well pleased.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie: Visited this lodge February 12th, 1908. The work of the first degree was exemplified by P.M. Thomas Crawford and the officers in a highly satisfactory manner, especially the lecture by the Senior Warden, Bro. F. W. McCordic.

Considering locality this lodge is in a very prosperous condition, having seventy members. The secretary, Bro. A. Trusler, looking well after the dues and financial standing of members. The social degree was not forgotten. After the work of lodge was over a very pleasant and enjoyable hour was spent at the Neeham House, where Mrs. Neeham had prepared a rich repast for the brethren. The speeches made by members and visiting brethren were of a very high order.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden: Visited this lodge April 15th, 1908. No regular candidate present. Bro. D. Waren and officers put on a second, opened and closed the third degree. All the work was well done.

The Secretary, Bro. A. D. Cotter, does his work well and deserves praise.

After the lodge closed a very enjoyable time was spent in the fourth degree.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward: Visited this lodge February 10th. F. J. McKee, W.M., and the officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren from Sarnia. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Wor. Brother McLeister.

I was much pleased to see a goodly number of past masters present. These lights in Masonry are always ready and willing to do any work for the welfare of the order.

R.W. Brother B. F. George's work as secretary needs no comment. His wide experience forms a valuable asset to his lodge, and his love for the craft renders him a pillar of strength to the order.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra: Visited this lodge April 14th, 1908. Bro. G. M. Shephardson, W.M., and officers conferred the second degree in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge has 74 members, and is

in a very prosperous condition, made up of brethren who have Masonry in the heart as well as in the head.

Bro. R. G. Stokes is the right man in the right place.

A pleasant hour was spent after the lodge closed.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia: Visited this lodge March 18th, 1908. Bro. John Boyd, W.M., and officers conferred the first degree. The W.M. did his work very impressively; in fact, all the officers should be complimented for the manner in which they do their work. Altogether, the work of this lodge is a credit to the district. There was a good attendance, and several visitors from Point Edward and Victoria Lodges. The east was well filled with past masters, which speaks for the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. Geo. Wenino is a model secretary; books well kept and his work beyond criticism.

After the lodge closed a pleasant hour was spent in the lodge room.

In conclusion, permit me to heartily thank the brethren of St. Clair District for the kindness shown me during my term of office. I cannot close my report without expressing my appreciation of the kind services of the following P.D.D.G.M.'s: Alex. Saunders, George Sutherland, S. McWhorter, and S. E. Cornell and other brethren, who so generously tendered me valuable assistance in the discharge of my official duties.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. THOMAN, D.D.G.M.,

St. Clair District, No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'd			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total or all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total	Memb- ership.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.																						
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia. *	215	10	...	10	11	13	2	...	5	...	211	6	17	40	186	85	8	\$ 62	25	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2500 00	
81	St. John's...	Mount Bridges	98	12	2	10	7	6	2	...	1	...	112	8	20	26	...	...	12	30	00	July, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2500 00	
83	Beaver	Strathroy	119	2	...	10	6	10	3	...	6	...	314	6	20	25	40	00	...	200	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Excellent	Yes	No	Yes	1000 00	
116	Cassia	Theford	41	2	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	8	1	9	12	...	14	61	40	Feb. 19, '08	At par	Fair	No	Yes	Yes	350 00	
153	Burns	Wyoming.....	99	3	2	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	1	15	16	...	7	75	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	Yes	1500 00	
158	Alexandra.	Oil Springs	...	...	...	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
194	Petrolia...	Petrolia.....	85	3	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
238	Havelock	Waterford.....	80	12	1	10	10	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
260	Washing'tn	Petrolia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
264	Forest.....	Forest.....	75	8	6	7	6	6	1	2	4	...	212	4	16	25	35	00	13	46	00	June, 1908	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	Yes	400 00	
294	Moore.....	Courtright.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	41	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
323	Alvinston...	Alvinston.....	70	5	...	4	3	2	1	1	5	...	112	...	12	20	15	00	10	104	05	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	Yes	200 00	
328	Ionic.....	Napier	31	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
392	Huron.....	Cambridge	70	7	6	4	4	4	1	3	4	...	14	2	16	17	37	00	21	109	00	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
397	Leopold.....	Brigden.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
419	Bismarck...	Point Edward	82	3	2	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	212	12	15	...	55	00	15	75	00	June, 1908	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
435	St. Clair....	Sombra	74	6	5	4	4	4	2	...	...	...	310	4	14	11	...	...	20	105	00	Dec. 27, '07	\$206 46	Good	Good	No	Yes	Yes	3000 00
437	Tuscan.....	Sarnia	153	4	...	2	2	2	3	...	2	...	1	6	4	10	30	100	00	...	...	...	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in London District, No. 3, for the year 1907-08.

Before entering upon the details of my report, I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the highest office in their gift, for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown me when making my official visits, and for the very hospitable manner in which I was received by every lodge in the district.

Masonry has been progressive in this district for many years owing largely to the character and ability of my predecessors in office, hence it will be difficult for me to point out any marked advances made during the past year. There seems a disposition on the part of lodges in this district to own and beautify their rooms, to exercise every care in the selection of candidates, to advance the admission fee, to select very capable and efficient officers, to see that application forms and notices comply strictly with the constitution, and to advance the social and benevolent sides of Masonry.

The only points of criticism that I would venture to offer would be more promptness on the part of some secretaries in making proper and complete returns, more promptness on the part of some lodges in beginning the work of the evening, and that some lodges require more knowledge of work from candidates before allowing them to be advanced.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

On assuming office I found, to my sorrow and regret, that many lodges of this district had contributed nothing to this fund, and, further, that some looked upon it with

disfavor, due, no doubt, to not having a clear conception as to the nature of the fund and the manner in which it is to be expended. I resolved that this state of affairs should not exist at the end of my term of office, and I am happy to say that as a result of my humble efforts, and the large heartedness of my brethren, every lodge in the district now has something to its credit, and the amounts are being gradually augmented, so that I am led to hope that in the near future the honor roll of Grand Lodge will contain the names of many lodges from London District No. 3.

VISITS.

In connection with my official visits, I wish to express my gratitude to the various Past D.D.G.M.'s and other grand officers of the district, to Mr. C. S. Cunningham, of the Wabash staff, St. Thomas, and to Mr. J. S. Palmer, of the Michigan Central staff, St. Thomas, for many personal kindnesses shown me.

St. John's, 20: This lodge is the oldest in the district, does excellent work, and commands the respect of all sister lodges in the district, as is evidenced by the fact that nearly seven hundred officers, members and visitors assembled to welcome me on the occasion of my visit. I have every reason to believe that under the able management of W. Brother Weldon and Secretary Dawson this lodge will long continue to hold the proud position which she now holds.

St. George's, 42: Prosperity seems to be the fortune of No. 42. Everything is done accurately, promptly, and with a spirit that actuates every officer to do his very best.

St. Thomas, 44: This is an old and prosperous lodge, careful in the selection of material, accurate and prompt in returns, but should do a little more to the semi-centennial fund. Bro. W. Slater has no superior in the district as a secretary.

Kilwinning, 64: Was royally received here on January 7th by a large number of brethren. Saw some splendid work, and enjoyed the greatest pleasure of the year in seeing a worthy brother made an honorary member. W.M. Glass and Secretary Glover will see that Kilwinning is ever well to the fore.

St. Mark's, 94: Viewed from every point this lodge is

in about the best position in the district. Does good work, has a very complete record, makes all reports promptly, and is active with the semi-centennial fund. W. Bro. Wollatt and Secretary Mitchell understand the tenets of Masonry.

St. Paul's, 107: This lodge has a splendid hall, beautifully decorated, and free from debt, and is quietly, but steadily, progressing.

Warren, 120: The brethren of this lodge are large, open-hearted fellows, and doing some good work. They own a comfortable hall, and have recently advanced the dues.

Malahide, 140: This being my mother lodge, I will simply say that W. Bro. Richardson and Secretary Woods are doing the class of work that has been done for many years past, which is fairly well known throughout the district.

Prince of Wales, 171: The brethren here have a lodge not very centrally located nor very satisfactory for their work. They are a good lot of fellows, however, and look forward to more comfortable quarters.

Belmont, 190: I received here a hearty welcome and a good contribution to the S.C. fund. The officers do good work, and the lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

The Tuscan, 195: W. Bro. Abbott is a very enthusiastic Mason, and has splendid support from his past masters and officers. This lodge is in a splendid condition financially, and should do more to the S.C. fund. I had difficulty in getting reports from Secretary Main-gault.

St. John's, 209A: This lodge needs no commendation from me, its work being known far and wide. The financial standing is good, and I am assured by W. Bro. Wilson that a serious effort will be made to promote the S.C. fund. A very large number greeted me here, and I saw a third degree very beautifully exemplified.

Cameron, 232: Promptness in opening and answering correspondence is a characteristic of this lodge. W. Bro. Doyle exemplified the first degree in splendid form, and R.W. Bro. Milner, of St. Clair District, gave a most enjoyable talk on Masonry. Success is assured to Cameron, 232.

Doric, 289: This is the last lodge I visited, but by no means the least. They own comfortable quarters, and are progressing. The Master, W. Bro. Oliver and Secretary Graham are both very efficient.

Mount Olivet, 300: I was delighted to find this prosperous lodge taking hold of the S.C. fund in a business way. W. Bro. Moscrip and Secretary Wright, assisted by R.W. Bro. Guest, are sure to see that Mount Olivet holds a foremost place in the district.

St. David's, 302: This is one of the most active lodges in the district. The officers are capable, very courteous, punctual, and characterized by a true Masonic spirit. May success continue with St. David's.

Corinthian, 330: This is the first London lodge I visited, and I was very kindly received by W. Bro. Ferguson and his officers. Harmony prevails here, and a slow, but steady, progress marks the progress of Corinthian, 330

Merrill, 344: This is a very small lodge, but deserves a great deal of credit for the careful, yet generous, way in which it manages its affairs. It owns the building and is contributing systematically to the S.C. fund.

Nilestown, 345: W. Bro. James and Secretary Barrows are to be congratulated for the manner in which they are managing the affairs of Nilestown, 345. Splendid work is done by the officers, and an honest endeavour made to do everything in strict accord with the constitution. I received a good contribution to the S.C. fund here.

Delaware Valley, 358: The brethren of this lodge were very kind in arranging to receive me at a special meeting. An effort is being made to do good work here, and to promote the S.C. fund. Nothing had been done before, but a start was made on the night of my visit, October 18th, 1907.

King Solomon, 378: Election of officers being held the night of my visit, no work was exemplified. This lodge has its dues in splendid shape, works well, starts promptly. I am sure it will prosper under the guidance of W. Bro. Simmie.

Middlesex, 379: I was ill when visiting this lodge, and hence not in a position to fully enjoy the unusually good work done by W. Bro. Roberts and his officers. I may say frankly that I did not hope to see the class

of work done here in a small rural lodge such as 379
Success to this lodge.

Union, 380: This lodge is in a prosperous condition, and doing good work. I hope W. Bro. Dean will make a record for himself by reducing somewhat the outstanding dues. I have his assurance that he will increase Union's distribution to the S.C. fund and am sure he will do so.

Henderson, 388: We were very late in starting at this lodge, but I am sure this is due to the great distance that the members have to drive. W. Bro. McNeill has the work well in hand, and is ably assisted by his officers.

King Solomon, 394: It was here that I met my only real disappointment. This lodge owns a fine hall, beautifully decorated, and is well off financially. I received a good contribution to the S.C. fund, and was loyally entertained, but that does not compensate for the friction that prevails in the lodge. I would urge the brethren to forget the past, and work with that unity that should characterize Free Masons.

Moffat, 399: This is a small lodge, but is making progress, and is situated in a splendid district. There are a number of members, strong financially, and good-hearted, but for some reason that I cannot learn, very much opposed to the S.C. fund. I received a contribution, however, and trust that when the brethren take serious thought on the nature of this fund they will cheerfully contribute their quota.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my District Secretary, Mr. E. O. Richards for the valuable assistance so cheerfully rendered me during the past year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. E. C. KILMER, D.D.G.M.,

London District, No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Membership.		F. A.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held.		Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.			
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.							Regular.	Total.												
20	St. John's...	London	243	10	19	12	61	2	3	7	3	12	24	70	181	90	\$ 250 00	Dec. 31, '07	first class	Good	Yes	\$3000 00		
42	St. George...	London	147	16	3	13	7	1	1	3	3	0	5	15	130	00	10	16 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	200 00		
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	271	30	5	24	23	6	1	3	6	4	14	21	44	43	54	171 00	Jan. 21, '08	\$2335 19	first class	Yes	800 00	
64	Kilwinning	London	212	9	13	9	7	1	1	3	3	0	12	35	65	00	.....	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	Joint		
94	St. Paul's...	Port Stanley	70	3	5	6	4	3	1	2	1	4	18	21	46	00	10	26 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	350 00		
97	St. Mark's...	Lambeth	66	4	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	14	20	05	28	180 00	Sept., 1907	Good	Fair	No	2000 00	
120	Warren...	Fin. al.	56	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	13	14	15	4	...	4	16 50	Mar. 25, '08	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
140	Malabide...	Aylmer	105	1	9	1	2	2	1	5	...	4	5	20	22	00	8	204 60	July 12, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
171	P. of Wales	Lawrence Stn	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	...	9	10	12	...	...	26	175 00	June 1, 1907	Good	...	Yes	...	
190	Be mont ...	Belmont	62	9	8	7	6	1	1	1	2	13	2	15	60	00	7	32 30	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
195	Tuscan...	London	303	6	9	8	13	4	1	4	3	12	9	21	75	00	...	30 75	June 24, '07	Good	satisfactory	Yes	Joint	
232	St. John's...	Dutton	67	3	2	2	2	1	1	4	1	0	2	12	15	00	9	90 75	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	Joint	
239	Cameron ...	Lobo	43	4	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	...	...	75 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
289	Doric ...	Thorndale	49	1	4	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	3	16	...	...	2	12 00	June 24, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	730 00	
300	St. Olivet...	St. Thomas	215	...	7	14	13	12	9	2	1	2	13	24	...	...	71	274 50	Dec. 27, '07	very good	v'y bright	Yes	600 00	
302	St. David's	London	159	19	19	10	12	1	1	1	1	2	1	35	150	90	11	62 60	Dec. 27, '07	Al	first class	Yes	600 00	
330	Corinthian.	London	42	6	1	5	4	2	1	1	1	12	12	11	5	...	5	37 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	360 00	
344	Merrill...	Dorchester Stn	49	9	9	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	16	00	3	17 00	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
345	Nilestown...	Nilestown	52	9	1	9	7	9	1	1	1	1	3	16	15	...	14	46 50	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
358	Del. Valley	Delaware	132	19	4	19	21	19	1	4	2	2	6	18	50	00	6	60 00	June, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	900 00	
378	King Sol'm	London	35	5	5	6	5	1	1	1	1	4	2	16	15	2	9	50 00	April 4, '08	Good	Good	Yes	Joint	
379	Middlesex.	Bryanston	208	12	16	17	17	1	1	2	...	12	6	18	36	122	20	41	185 00	June 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
380	Union ...	London	11	3	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	10	11	9	50	00	11	90 00	Dec. 27, '06	Fair	Fair	Yes	Joint	
388	Henderson	Iderton	74	3	5	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	13	20	104	75	14	104 75	Dec. 27, '07	\$2500 00	Fair	Yes	200 00	
394	King Sol'm	Thamesford	37	3	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	5	...	13	22 00	Dec. 27, '07	239 32	Good	Yes	1500 00	
399	Moffat.....	Harrietsville	37	3	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	5	00	...	22 00	Dec. 27, '07	239 32	Good	Yes	.....	

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the pleasure to submit to you my report on the condition of Masonry in South Huron District, No. 4, during the past year.

I wish here to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in selecting me as District Deputy Grand Master, particularly as I was unable to be present at the Grand Lodge meeting at Ottawa at which I was elected. In consequence of my not being present at Grand Lodge my installation was deferred, and R.W. Bro. S. G. Holley, Past D.D.G.M., was authorized to perform that ceremony. Installation took place on August 30th, 1907, in the beautiful hall of Stratford and Tescumseh lodges, in the city of Stratford. The impressive ceremony was performed by Right Worshipful Brother S. G. Holley, Past D.D.G.M., assisted by Right Worshipful Bro. Geo. Malcolm, Past D.D.G.M., in the presence of one hundred and fifty of the brethren. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Stratford brethren gave a splendid banquet, at which the usual toasts were proposed, duly honored, and responded to. I have to express my thanks to the two Stratford lodges for so generously placing their beautiful hall at our disposal for this ceremony, and their unstinted hospitality in entertaining the brethren.

On September 24th, 1908, I had the honor, by direction of the Grand Master, of instituting a new lodge at Granton, in the County of Middlesex, to be known as Granton Lodge. I was assisted in the ceremony of forming this new lodge by Worshipful Bros. Constable and Jackson, and Bro. Hayes and Edy. The attendance was not large owing to a number of the brethren being unable to be present.

After the usual ceremony had been performed, the officers were placed in their respective positions and opened the lodge in the second and third degrees, and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. with such an excellent presiding officer as Wor. Bro. W. Dann, assisted by his excellent Senior and Junior Wardens. Granton Lodge has good prospects for future prosperity.

On the 16th of September, 1907, I was present at the constituting and consecrating of Milverton Lodge. This beautiful ceremony was performed by Right Worshipful Bro. Judge Macwatt, of Sarnia. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, assisted by Right Worshipful Bro. S. G. Holly and myself.

This very impressive ceremony was witnessed by a large number of brethren from the surrounding lodges. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Milverton brethren entertained the visiting brethren at a magnificent banquet in the Town Hall. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed, duly honored, and responded to. Interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by Right Worshipful Bro. Judge Macwatt, D.G.M., Worshipful Bro. A. McLaren, M.P., Worshipful Bro. J. P. Rankin, and my esteemed friend Worshipful Bro. H. B. Morphey, K.C., of Listowel.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

On the 21st of October, 1907, I visited New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg. I found a very fair attendance of the members. There was no candidate, but the officers exemplified the first degree very satisfactorily. Worshipful Bro. Puddicombe, W.M., and his officers, were well up in their work. The work of the Junior Deacon was very good, as well as that of the other subordinate officers. I learned with regret that the Junior Warden, who was not present, has his work up poorly, but hope he will endeavor to do better. I expected that the work done in this lodge would be up to the mark, and I was not disappointed. The excellence of the work done in this lodge is no doubt largely due to the training of Right Worshipful Bro. Holley. I was desirous of paying the first official visit to this lodge as a mark of esteem to Right

Worshipful Bro. Holley, to whom I am indebted for many kindnesses.

The fourth degree was well exemplified in a beautiful banquet hall. I was accompanied on this visit by Worshipful Bro. Constable, of St. James' Lodge, who responded to the toast of the visiting brethren in an appreciative and witty speech.

On February 10th, 1908, I visited Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford. I was received by a large number of members and visitors in the beautiful hall jointly occupied by this and Tecumseh Lodge, 144. The third degree was conferred by the Worshipful Master Bro. Knechtel, and his staff of officers, in an excellent manner. The floor work was particularly well done, although some of the officers seemed to suffer from nervousness. Needless to say that the banquet which succeeded the conclusion of the work in the lodge room was quite up to the reputation and hospitality enjoyed by this lodge. Excellent speeches were made in response to the various Masonic toasts.

On March 12th, 1908, I paid my official visit to Irvine Lodge, 154, Lucan.

The second degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. Geo. Thomson, and his staff of officers. The unavoidable absence of the Senior Warden to some extent marred the work, but his place was admirably filled by a past master.

This lodge has a number of bright past masters, among them Worshipful Bro. Dr. Orm, who are well qualified to fill the highest places in the gift of their brethren. This lodge now occupies a very fine hall, beautifully furnished and up to date in every respect. The members of Lucan Lodge have an enviable reputation as entertainers, and at the banquet which followed the work in the lodge room they fully sustained this reputation. Witty and instructive speeches were made by many of the brethren, especially by Worshipful Bro. Constable, of St. James' Lodge, of St. Mary's, and the Rev. Messrs. Holmes and Carlyle.

On April 17th, 1908, I paid my official visit to Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton.

There was a very large attendance of the brethren. The third degree was conferred on a candidate by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Ball.

The work of the officers, from the Worshipful Master to the Tyler, was exceptionally well done. The work of the Worshipful Master being nearly perfect, as was that of the other officers. The excellence of the work done by the officers of this lodge is no doubt due to the presence in the lodge of such brethren as Right Worshipful Bro. Dr. Shaw, Worshipful Bro. Hoover and others. I was accompanied on this visit by R.W. Bro. Sharp, of St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, who was a resident of Clinton 43 years ago and a past master of Clinton Lodge.

I also had the pleasure of meeting my friend Right Worshipful Bro J. C. Hegler, of Ingersoll. This lodge now occupies a fine hall, elaborately furnished and fitted in the most modern style. The membership is large and enthusiastic, and no doubt will soon stand second to none in the district.

The banquet which followed in the banqueting room connected with the hall was a marked success, the speeches being both witty and instructive. That of Rt. Wor. Bro. Hegler, in response to the toast of Grand Lodge of Canada, being replete with information and instruction.

On April 20th, 1908, I visited Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth. The attendance was one of the largest and most enthusiastic in the history of the lodge. The Worshipful Master, Bro. D. J. McCallum, conferred the first degree in a manner almost above criticism. The work of the officers, from the Worshipful Master to the Tyler, being almost ritualistically perfect. I was accompanied on the visit by R.W. Bro. Holley, of New Hamburg, Wor Bro. J. G. Constable, St. Mary's, and Wor. Bro. Mallion, of Stratford.

A number of visiting members were present from Mitchell, Hensall, Exeter, Belleville, and New York. The lodge room is commodious and well furnished, and the lodge, with its staff of officers, should have a brilliant future. At the conclusion of the work in the lodge room the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall in connection with the lodge, where a sumptuous dinner was served, and a pleasant hour was spent in speech and social converse.

On the 30th of April, 1908, I visited Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford, and I was received by a very large

number of members and visitors in their beautiful and well-appointed lodge room. The third degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Stevenson in a manner that I did not see excelled in the district. The Wor. Master is a good ritualist, and does his work both accurately and impressively.

Each officer is well posted in his duties, and the floor work was above criticism. There is very little in the way of instruction to be done when visiting the Stratford Lodges, as they have so many well-posted Grand Lodge officers who take great interest in the work and instruct the junior officers. Asplendid banquet followed after the lodge closed, and the Junior Warden's toast, happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again, brought the very pleasant gathering to a close.

On May 29th, 1908, I visited St. James' Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not as large as I expected. A heavy rain storm having set in in the early part of the evening prevented a number of the members and visitors from attending.

The third degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Sinclair and his efficient staff of officers. The work of the Wor. Master and his officers was done so well as to call for but little criticism.

This lodge has the benefit of the experience of such well-skilled brethren as R.W. Bro. H. F. Sharp, W. Bro. J. G. Constable, and W. Bro. A. Carman, who prove a source of strength to the lodge. Wor. Bro. Constable proved a splendid host at the banquet which followed. I am happy to say that the cloud which rested upon this lodge for nearly two years has been dispelled, and that the lodge has entered upon a period of harmony and progress, and is now in a prosperous condition financially and otherwise. This lodge will celebrate its jubilee this year in the latter part of September or early in October, when it is expected that the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers will be present at that function.

Owing to a severe illness contracted early in March, and under the direction of my physician, I was unable to visit the lodges, the reports on which follow, and were visited by my esteemed R.W. Bro. S. G. Holley, who

came to my assistance and relief with that large-hearted Masonic spirit which characterizes him. R. W. Bro. Holley has my warmest thanks for his kindness in this and many other respects. His reports on the lodges he visited are hereto annexed.

May 15th I officially visited Wilmott Lodge, No. 318. There was a good turnout for this lodge considering the rainy night.

The work for the evening was passing the candidate, Bro. Hollwell answered his questions accurately, and was allowed to retire. As brother Hollwell is the son of V.W. Bro. P. Hollwell, on this occasion the regular officers did not fill all the chairs V. W. Bro. Hollwell was W.M.; Bro. Russell was S.W.; W.M. Bro. Armstrong was J.W.; Wor. Bro. J. Sumpton was S.D.; Bro. Schumir acted as J G.

The work was impressive and correct, and I congratulate very Wor. Bro. Hollwell on his work. Wor. Brother Buttler is an efficient secretary, and keeps the Wor. Master posted on routine work concerning the lodge. Dues are in a poor shape. On the whole, this lodge is in a good state, thanks to the past masters. After the lodge closed the brethren sat down to a very sumptuous banquet.

May 21st I officially visited Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell. Referring to the register I find the regular meetings are well and largely attended. Emergency meeting as this was, I found a good attendance, great interest being taken by the past masters. W.M. Bro. Mowtry, P.M., held a board of trial before the lodge was opened and the visitor asked to retire. A few of the brothers thought the visitor had proved himself, but W.M. Bro. Mowbray would not vouch for him, and I upheld his ruling. This visitor was not in possession of the secrets, although initiated two years ago.

The work of this evening was raising a candidate who answered his questions for his O.B. and explained his W.T. well.

The work of opening and closing and conferring this degree by the W. Master, Wor. Bro. John Dunlop, was very good. He has a good voice, and is impressive in his work and careful. Bro. Nichols, S.W., and Bro.

W. E. Coplin, J. W., are both well posted. Also Bro. Frank Heal, S.D., and Bro. A. Hill Junior, I.G. Very Wor. Bro. Scharfer is a good all-round worker and a credit to his lodge. Bro. J. D. Morrow, secretary, keeps his books very neatly and correctly, and has the dues well paid up. This lodge is taking up S.C. fund and will remit to the grand secretary. I have much pleasure in reporting Tudor Lodge, No. 14. I consider this lodge one of the best in the district.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill: I visited this lodge May 18th. Being forced to ask for an emergency meeting, which was cheerfully granted by the Wor. Master, W.M. Bro. W. Zapfe. Owing to their regular meeting having taken place a few evenings previous, this meeting was turned into a lodge of instruction on the three degrees with a good attendance of the members. There was also present Right Wor. Bro. Tomie, of St. Clair, District No. 2, and Wor. Bro. Olds, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62. Several of the regular officers were absent on account of sickness. Wor. Bro. P. Zapie, Wor. Master; Wor. Bro. Griffith as S.W.; Bro. Thos. Newell, J.W.; Bro. Geo. A. Fraser, S.D.; Bro. E. H. Humphries, J.D., acting; Bro. J. Hoban, I.G.

The W.M. Master can confer all the degrees, and I am assured Bro. Newall, the J.W., gives the T.B. and W.M. The above officers were all proficient in their work of opening and closing. A very large number of questions were asked. Dues are all in good shape, and the lodge is indebted to Bro. Geo. A. Fraser for his untiring energy as acting secretary for the balance of the year. This brother is also able to give the three charges. They have done something to the S.C. fund, and will bring it up at next regular meeting.

Granton Lodge, U.D.: Visited May 26th, 1908. Owing to bad weather there were not many visitors at this emergency meeting, but the members turned out. The work required was opening and closing in the three degrees and initiating a candidate who was a F.C. The work was creditable. I find each officer no wecapable of doing the work required next year, when they expect to rise a chair higher in Masonic work.

Bro. Abery, S.W., and also Bro. Blues I.W., require no prompting. Past Master C. A. Lang acted as J.D., and otherwise assists in the work. W.M. Bro. Dann,

Wor. Master, fills his chair in a dignified manner, and this lodge is in a healthy and progressive stage. The officers are not anxious to receive members, but are careful as to quality. I strongly recommend this lodge to the Grand Master for its charter. Each officer is proficient, and they have the proper spirit of officers.

There was very little of the work requiring my advice. A large number of Masonic questions were asked, and which I was pleased to answer, as it gave them greater confidence.

After the lodge was closed a pleasant time was spent in the fourth degree, where I had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with Wor. Bro. A. Crant, P.M., Middlesex, 379, also Wor. Bro. Max Kohl, P.M., Henderson, 388. Both these past masters are well skilled.

The lodge room is rented from the Oddfellows. Is convenient and comfortable. Very little encouragement is needed to make the brethren build a room for their own use. The S.C. fund will receive attention in a substantial way.

May 29th, 1908, I visited Milverton Lodge, No. 437. In order to attend to my business next morning I drove to visit this lodge. The evening was wet, and I found attractions such as football and political meetings being held. However, there was a good attendance—16 members and a few visitors. By request of the officers I made a lodge of instruction in the openings and closings, and on such parts of the work as any member wished information upon. A large number of questions were answered, and different parts of the work illustrated with the assistance of Wor. Bro. Mallion, of Tescumseh Lodge. All present admitted the wisdom of the officers in making the change, instead of working a degree on this occasion. I find all the officers proficient and energetic in their duties. Secretary W. Zoeger keeps his records correctly and very neat. Dues are in good shape.

Complimented Wor. Bro. Condeck, Wor. Master, of Elma Lodge, who resides now in Milverton on his interest in Milverton Lodge, and his able work as Wor. Master. Wor. Bro. Livingston having moved out of the district. The officers are all capable of taking higher office when duly elected, and I advised them to apply for a dispensation to elect and instal at the end of their

first year under warrant, instead of waiting until next December, as their by-law calls for. This first election to remain in force six months or eighteen months, as they deem best. The average attendance is 16 to 20 at regular meetings. Membership 39. A quantity of applicants no inducement, but quality is. S.C. fund urged and promised further attention. A social banquet was held after the lodge closed in the lodge room.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, June 9th, 1908: I made my official visit to this lodge this evening on the regular lodge night. A large amount of routine was to be gone through, after which I was received in the usual manner befitting my office. The Wor. Master, W.M. Bro. G. L. Parsons, initiated a candidate in a very creditable manner. The Junior Warden continues working in the manner of ten years ago, which shows to no advantage Junior Deacon "acting." Charles Sale did his work well and correctly. The Inner Guard, whose name I have forgotten, speaks well, and his work is correct. The charge, in the north-east corner of the lodge, was most impressively given by Right Wor. Bro. Radcliffe, whom I complimented. There are still two members using the black ball in an unmasonic manner, to the detriment of the lodge, and which to a great extent takes the heart out of the officers. They, however, meet and practice. The attendance is always large, and the past masters' attendance is good. Wor. Bro. W. F. Gallow is well up in his work, particularly in his penalties. Dues were paid up, also the S.C. fund. Insurance carried.

After the initiation the lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. Not a great many questions to be answered. After closing, all adjourned to the banquet room, where a very social time was enjoyed, and where I had the pleasure of meeting Right Wor. Bro. Tye, P. Grand Registrar.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303: I wrote the secretary asking for an emergency meeting for July 3rd, and received a reply that at the last regular meeting, June 23rd, it was decided not to be convenient to have an emergency meeting owing to many of the brethren living in the country and being very busy. This lodge and another are the only ones not being able to assist you in your dilemma.

Hensall, Zurich Lodge, No. 224: I communicated

with the secretary of this lodge to endeavor to have an emergency meeting called for last week of June, and received a reply that owing to the officers being newly installed they were not in a position for an official visit, and that they would be pleased if I would visit them on June 24th and instal the officers. Having an engagement to instal the officers of New Dominion, No. 205, I was unable to go. I regret that this lodge did not assist you in your official work owing to sickness.

Elma Lodge, No. 456: I officially visited this lodge on June 27th, the officers of which were willing under the regrettable circumstance of your illness to call an emergency. I had, in order to be back in time on Monday morning, to drive 33 miles going and same returning, but did so with great pleasure to again visit the brethren of this progressive lodge. The work was school of instruction by request of the officers, and installing the officers for the ensuing year. I was accompanied from Milverton by Wor. Bro. Condick, W.M., Master of this lodge. The regular officers were all present. W.M. Bro. Condick, by my request, opened in the third degree in a splendid manner. Bro. Duffield was installed W. Master. He is a good and painstaking officer in all his work. Bro. Struthers installed Senior Warden. I was pleased with his prompt and efficient work. Bro. J. C. Flood the new Junior Warden, shows that he is a student, and no doubt will in due time reach the east. This lodge is in excellent order. Dues well paid up, and the S.C. fund nearly so, and they are determined to complete it. Secretary's books neat and complete.

Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133: I visited this important lodge on the evening of June 29th. The Wor. Master, kindly calling an emergency meeting. I arrived there by driving from Lucan in order to fill this appointment. It was a wet evening, and I found about 35 brethren present. The work selected was an initiation, which was correctly and impressively given by W.M. Bro. W. W. Toman. The S. Warden, Bro. Collins, was exact and graceful. The work of J. Warden R. N. Cinch prompt and correct, and the explanation of the T.B. was perfect. J. Deacon's work was clear and concise. The Inner Guard's work was correct all through

The work of this lodge is always to be appreciated. Dues well paid, and S.C. fund paid in full.

Refreshments served after the lodge closed in the ante-room and a social hour enjoyed.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309: Owing to the lateness of the visits I was unable to visit this lodge, but I feel certain, from what I saw of the work a year previous, it is in good shape. I regret I did not have time at my disposal to visit this interesting lodge.

HAL. WHITE, D.D.G.M.,

South Huron District, No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in South Huron District, No. 4, from June 21th, '907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		F. C.	M. M.	E. A.	Decrease during year.	Increase during year.	Total No. of all Mem.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total	Regular.											Emergency.	Total.										
33	Maitland...	Goderich...	132	...	7	8	9	...	...	...	1	1	2	3	...	3	13	25	100 00	18	\$ 93 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$1000 01
73	St. James...	St. Mary's...	86	12	17	17	13	...	...	...	1	4	2	...	1	13	11	16	5 00	16	74 75	Dec. 27, '07	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	600 00
84	Clinton...	Clinton...	82	5	1	3	5	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	15	5	20	23	11	11	69 50	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
133	Leb. Forest Exeter...	Exeter...	90	1	3	3	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	10	3	23	...	14	49 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	450 00
141	Tudor...	Mitchell...	53	...	5	4	3	...	...	...	1	4	2	...	12	2	14	15	10 00	17	115 35	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
144	Tecumseh...	Stratford...	185	18	19	21	23	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	26	44	55 00	48	468 43	Dec., 1907	Good	Vy Good	Yes	1500 00
154	Irving...	Lucan...	73	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	10	2	12	20	...	25	87 25	June 13, '08	Fair	Good	Yes	...
170	Britannia...	Seaford...	92	4	4	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	1	13	15	30 00	2	30 00	Dec 31, '07	Good	Good	Yes	...
205	New Don'n New Hamburg	New Hamburg	40	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	15	25	...	8	6 00	Dec. 31, '07	Fair	Fair	2	400 00
224	Zuri h...	Hensall...	82	...	2	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	15	25	...	...	...	...	June 19, '08	Good	Vy Good	Yes	...
233	Doric...	Park Hill...	64	5	1	2	2	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	4	17	26	...	10	120 00	Dec., 1907	Good	Vy Good	Yes	300 00
303	Blyth...	Blyth...	55	5	4	5	5	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	11	20	...	...	...	June 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
309	Morn'g Star Carlow...	Carlow...	52	2	6	6	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	13	16	21	35 50	...	54 00	Dec. 27, '07	Vy Good	Vy Good	Yes	1000 00
318	Wilmot...	Baden...	26	4	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	8	...	...	4	...	June 30, '08	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
332	Strat'ord...	Stratford...	167	10	6	7	8	1	...	...	9	6	...	...	2	13	16	24	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	...
456	Elma...	Monkton...	41	3	2	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	3	15	9 00	3	35 00	June, 1908	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
478	Milverton	Milverton	39	8	...	8	5	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	11	4	15	15	...	5	22 00	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	No	250 00
J.D.	Granton	Granton	15	6	...	9	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	2	11	...	...	...	...	Good	Good	Ye	...

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 5.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg to submit herewith my report upon the condition of Masonry in the above district during the past year. In the first place I wish to express my sincere thanks to my brethren for unanimously electing me to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this district, and for the uniform courtesy, kindness, and consideration with which I have been invariably treated. Although the duties I have endeavored to perform have been somewhat arduous, yet the labor has been one of love, and if my feeble efforts have been in any way beneficial to others, as they certainly have been a pleasure to me, I shall feel amply repaid. I am well aware of my many shortcomings and deficiencies, but I would ask the indulgence of my brethren in regard to these for I can assure them my aim has been to do what I believed to be right so far as my opportunities and abilities would permit. And, further, I wish especially to thank such brethren as R.W. Bros. Clark, Wamsley, Campbell, Ferguson, Morton, Cameron, McPherson, P.D D.G.M.'s, and V.W. Bros. Dundas and Bell, and many others whose names I would like to make mention of if space would only permit, for their many kind acts, and in showing at all times the utmost readiness to assist me with their knowledge and advice and experience. I have visited every lodge in the district once during my term of office, and regret that I was not able to visit them oftener. My first official act was to appoint as District Secretary Bro. Wendt, of Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter. I addressed a circular letter to all the lodges in the district calling attention to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and that no brother should be installed Master of a warranted lodge unless he is competent to perform the ceremonies of

opening and closing the lodge in each degree, and to confer the various degrees, according to the established work, and also asking for notices of all meetings from secretaries of the lodges.

FRATERNAL DEAD

I regret to report that three of the lodges have lost members by death during the year, four of our brethren having passed to the grand lodge above.

VISITS.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine: I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this lodge at their regular meeting on March 4th, 1908. There was a good attendance of members and a good number of visitors present from Southampton and Tiverton. The W.M. and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and conferred the first degree on a very bright and intelligent candidate. The whole work was performed in a very creditable manner, and especially that of the J. W. and J. D. is deserving of special mention. The books are well kept by W. Bro. McPherson. The lodge room is one of the most handsome and beautifully decorated in North Huron District. The kindness and courtesy shown to me by R. W. Bro. McPherson, V. W. Bro. Miller, W. Bros. Hay, Bruce and other members of the lodge will always have pleasant recollections for me, and I shall often recall with unmixed pleasure the warm, true fraternal greetings received by me from the brethren of Northern Light Lodge. An adjournment was made to the refreshment room, where an excellent repast had been prepared, and song and music lengthened out one of the most enjoyable evenings I have ever spent.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: On request of the W. M. I paid my official visit to this lodge at an emergent meeting on February 12th, 1908. The W.M. occupied the chair. There was a good attendance of members, among whom were V.W. Bros. Dundas and Montgomery. V.W. Bro. Thos. Bell and Wor. Bro. H. Bell, of Wingham Lodge No. 286, were also present. The W.M. and officers opened and closed the lodge in all the degrees, and V.W. Bro. Montgomery conferred the third degree on Bro. Pratt, which might have been improved with a little practice. They have a nice, comfortable lodge room, with dining hall below,

where we adjourned after the closing of the lodge and partook of a bountiful repast, after which a very enjoyable hour was spent in speech and song.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: I have had the pleasure of meeting with the brethren of this lodge on their regular meetings with the exception of two. I made my official visit to the lodge on March 16th, 1908. There were 25 members present and 10 from St. John's Lodge, Brussels, among whom were W. Bros. Fox, Black, and Wilton. The work of the evening was a first degree, which was ably done by W. Bro. Harris and officers, assisted by some of the visiting brethren. It is needless for me to say very much about the work of this lodge, as it invariably receives a good report from the D.D.G.M. One thing I regret to say is that this lodge, along with some of the other lodges in the district, has not taken up or done anything towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. Kindly remember your needy brethren, the widow and the orphan. After lodge closed we adjourned to the Gofton House, where the J. W. had a right royal supper prepared, and which was very highly appreciated by me and all who were present.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184: On March 3rd, 1908, the brethren of this lodge called a special meeting in order that I might pay my official visit. I was received with Grand honors by a good number of the members. The W.M., W. Bro. McLeod and his staff of officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and as there was no work they exemplified the work of a degree in an admirable manner. This lodge is in good financial standing. The dues are well paid. A good brotherly spirit exists among the officers and members. May it long continue. At the close a lunch was provided in the banquet room.

Saugeen Lodge, No 197, Walkerton: My official visit was paid to this lodge on the evening of February 11th, 1908, being introduced to R.W. Bro. Clarke. The room was well filled, and the brethren attentive and interested. The work submitted was a passing, which was well done in every respect by W. Bro. Pettepiece. This lodge hardly needs inspection from a D.D.G.M., having P.D.D.G.M.'s Clarke and Scott and V.W. Bro. Harris and about twelve P.M.'s present. The books

are perfectly kept, the affairs of the lodge in good shape and the prospects most promising. To speak of one officer more than another would not be right, as all seemed imbued with the ambition to excel. At the close of the meeting an adjournment was made to the Central Hotel, where an excellent supper was laid and a pleasant hour spent.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: W. Bro. Kelly, W.M., W. Bro. Foster, secretary. I visited this lodge on their regular night of meeting, Friday, March 13, 1908, and found a very large number of past masters and brethren present to greet me. The work of the evening was rendered in an excellent manner. Nothing can exceed the good feeling, Masonic and otherwise, existing among the brethren both in the lodge room and outside. They are in possession of the largest lodge room in the district, it is well laid out, furnished with the best, and has a complete banquet room in connection. My visit here was marked by a very warm welcome. The W.M. was in the chair, his officers in their places. The secretary, W. Bro. Foster, was, as usual, on hand. I examined the books and found everything correct and beautifully kept. I also had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bro. Campbell, W. Bros. Brook, Blackmore, Blewitt, and several others whom I would like to mention, but space will not permit. By request of the W.M. and officers I had the honor, on behalf of the lodge, to present a P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. as a mark of respect and appreciation of his work while acting as ruler of the craft. The fourth degree was thoroughly appreciated, after which a very pleasant time was spent in speech and song.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of February 14th, 1908. I received a very cordial and hearty reception, and spent a very pleasant evening. There was no work, but the W.M. and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees, and exemplified the work of the first degree in a faultless manner. The lecture on T.B. given by J.W., and charge delivered by W. Bro. Sheppard, deserves special mention. The new lodge is handsome, and beautifully furnished. The brethren of Aldworth Lodge deserve great praise for their work and true Masonic spirit. At the banquet

which followed a most enjoyable time was spent, enlivened by several fine speeches and splendidly-rendered songs.

Teeswaster Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: My official visit to this lodge was made on their regular night of meeting, October 25th, 1907. W. Bro. Baker, W.M., in the chair. This lodge is laboring under trying difficulties, as a number of their members are railway employes, and have not the opportunity of attending practice or even lodge, although I might say the night I visited about 25 of their members and two visitors from Saugeen Lodge were present. This is a very pretty lodge room, the equipments are good, and everything is kept in first-class order. The work of the evening was the conferring the first degree, which was taken in parts by the W.M. and W. Bro. Chapman, and it might have been improved by giving a little more attention to the work. The Secretary, Bro. Farquharson, keeps his books in splendid condition. At the close of the meeting the brethren were entertained at the hotel, where a most enjoyable hour was spent.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels: I had a very enjoyable visit here on November 19th, 1908. There was a good attendance of the members, and I was very kindly received and warmly welcomed by W. Bro. Bishop, W.M., his officers and members of the lodge. W. Bro. Bishop and his officers conferred the second degree on Bro. Wilton, a well-prepared candidate, most creditably, and St. John's Lodge must be complimented on their choice of officers. The lodge room is in splendid condition. The books are well kept, although I may say the brethren of this lodge are slow about paying their dues. After the lodge closed we spent an hour very pleasantly around the festive board.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: Accompanied by W. Bro. Harris, Bros. Reis, Davidson, Carr, and Rae, of Forest Lodge, No. 162, I visited this lodge on their regular meeting, February 4th, 1908. W.M. and officers, with the exception of J.D. in the chairs. The work of the evening was the conferring of the first degree, but owing to the candidate being somewhat stupid, a substitute was provided, and the work exemplified, and the opening and closing of the lodge in the second and third degrees, which, I am very sorry to say.

was done in a very slovenly manner, and far from the usual way in which this lodge is in the habit of doing their work. R.W. Bro. Morton, P.D.D.G.M., is a very careful and painstaking secretary, and I believe he has the best kept books in the district. After labor we adjourned to their lunch room, where, under the superintendence of Bro. Moore, a sumptuous repast was partaken of.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: W. Bro. McCullum, W.M., R.W. Bro. Hutchinson, secretary. I made my official visit to this lodge on their regular night of meeting in November, 1907, accompanied by Bro. Edwards, of Forest Lodge, No 162. W. Bro. McCallum and officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and conferred the third on Bro. Young, a well-prepared candidate, in a manner which deserves great credit, being such a short time in the chair. Having the opportunity of visiting this lodge quite often, I may say that this is nothing unusual, as they invariably do their work well. After lodge closed we had lunch in the lodge room and spent a very pleasant hour.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: I visited this lodge on their regular night of meeting, May 11th, 1908, and as the railway connections with this village are not the best, and the roads at this season of the year unfit for driving, R.W. Bro. McPherson, of the Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, kindly offered to get up a load and go over, among whom were V.W. Bros. Miller McPherson, Bros. Closkey, McRae, Campbell and others, of the Northern Light Lodge. We arrived a little late. I had, however, the pleasure of seeing the first degree exemplified in a most impressive manner. The opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees was nicely done. The Junior Warden's lecture was accurately given, and reflects credit on this officer. The Secretary, Bro. Bowie, has his books in good shape, and the finances in fair condition. Nice lodge room and comfortably furnished. The brethren of Bruce Lodge are also adepts at the work of the fourth degree, a happy exemplification of which preceded a ten-mile drive.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: I visited this lodge on the occasion of their regular meeting, January 13th, 1908. On my entrance to the lodge I was warmly

welcomed by the W.M. and brethren, and received with grand honors. Mr. Vandusen was initiated in a splendid manner, and the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees. The general condition of Masonry in this locality is excellent and the prospects for the future most promising. The financial affairs of the lodge are in a most satisfactory condition with the exception of dues, which would recommend a more prompt response to the secretary's notice. The secretary has nice, tidy books. They have a nice lodge room, and well furnished, a good refreshment room, where we adjourned after lodge closed and enjoyed a well-prepared lunch. I was also entertained the following day by W. Bro. Dehl and Mrs. Dehl, which I can assure you I appreciate very highly.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: By request the W.M. called an emergent meeting of this lodge on January 16th, 1908, so I could avail myself of the opportunity of paying my official visit, which I appreciated very much. The work was the conferring of the F. C. degree upon Bro. O. C. Smith, whom I have known for a long time and we have not the least hesitation in saying will prove a credit to Forest Lodge, No. 393, wherever his lot is cast. The W.M., though laboring under difficulties with a bad cold, worked the degree very satisfactorily. Dues were well paid, attendance twenty-six, and general tone of the lodge is of the best. The secretary, W. Bro. Ross, has the books in good condition, and I was greatly pleased by the presence of several past masters. They have a nice lodge room, and well furnished. In the exemplification of the fourth degree the members of Forest Lodge, No. 393, are second to none in this district.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: This is one of the best lodges in the district in every respect. I had the pleasure of meeting with the brethren of this lodge on their meeting, January 14th, 1908, and was very cordially received at the station by my predecessors, R.W. Bros. Ferguson and Cameron, also W. Bro. Newman, W.M., and escorted to the Pacific Hotel. The lodge room is a good one, and is most appropriately furnished and decorated. They have beautiful ante-rooms, cloak-room, and dining hall in connection. The third degree was conferred on Bro. Jackson, a well-prepared candi-

date, by W.M. Bro. Newman and officers with great precision, and in a most impressive manner. The whole ceremony being performed by the regular officers on their first night after installation is worthy of special mention. The financial standing of the lodge is good, membership being 115; is large in comparison with other lodges in the district. This lodge owes a great deal to its P.D.D.G.M.'s, also P.M.'s, who are, as I understand, in the habit of giving instructions to officers. A banquet was prepared in the dining room, and at the close of the meeting all were invited to attend. A very pleasant hour was spent by all present. There is work as well as honor in the proper performance of the duties of D.D.G.M., but the loyal support and encouragement received at meetings like this more than compensate for any labor, and encourages the belief of the D.D.G.M. that duty performed in the interest of our noble craft is not in vain.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin: Accompanied by V.W. Bro. Dundas, of St. Lawrence Lodge, I visited this lodge officially on their regular night of meeting, February 13th, 1908. My reception by the W.M. W. Bro. Muir was most kind and cordial. The work presented was a first degree, which was rendered in a most efficient manner. W. Bro. Muir is a careful and clear worker, every portion of the ceremony being rendered with the intention of impressing the candidate, whom I feel was much profited thereby. The reading of the charge being the most important for criticism, which I strongly advised should be divided up among P.M.'s, which would encourage them to attend. The brethren of this lodge seem to leave the payment of their dues to the eleventh hour. I would say "follow up" the excellent system of a most efficient brother. I had the pleasure of meeting P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Bell, of Niagara District, which I am sure will be of great value to this lodge. The evening was concluded by an elaborate banquet, good speeches and songs. The outlook of the lodge is excellent.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Eden Grove: W. Bro. Sirrs, W.M., J. M. McKee, secretary. I visited this lodge at an emergency meeting, February 10th, 1908, and although probably the most severe storm of the season prevented some of the members from being pre-

sent, and of the twenty-five who ventured out, made up, by their zeal and earnestness and the apparent sincerity of their work, for what otherwise would have been a record night. Bro. Sirrs, W.M., has the lodge well in hand, and Grand Lodge can look for a banner year under his direction. The charitable work of this lodge is something to be proud of. R.W. Bro. Pinkerton is an enthusiastic Mason, and the success of this lodge is largely due to his painstaking efforts. The books are well looked after only for one thing—the dues are slowly collected. The exemplifying of the first degree was conducted by a class of officers far above the average. The financial standing and prospects of this lodge are excellent. After lodge closed J.W. ordered an abundant supply of oysters, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover: W. Bro. Mills, W.M., W. Bro. Witthun, secretary. My official visit to this lodge was made on the evening of January 17th, 1908. The first degree was conferred in an able and impressive manner by the W.M., who seems to realize his responsibility, and is well supported by his officers. The W.M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The dues are well collected, and the Secretary's books are well kept. The prospects of this lodge are of the best. The beautiful lodge room, the furniture, the officers and members, and the crude material upon which to work, cannot be excelled anywhere in the district. The memory of this visit will ever remain in my memory.

Burns' Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth: On January 15th, 1908, the brethren of this lodge called a special meeting, when I visited, officially accompanied by R.W. Bro. Wamsley, W. Bros. Newman, Suthby, Haugh, and McKay, from Cedar Lodge, No. 396. The work of the evening being the exemplification of the first degree and the opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees, which was done very creditably considering that it was the first night after their installation, and I have no doubt that before their term of office expires they will be able to compare favorably with most of the lodges of the district. The secretary has the books in good order, with the exception of the dues. A number of the brethren are too far behind. They have a neatly furnished lodge room. After the lodge closed the

brethren assembled at one of the hotels, where an excellent supper was laid and a very pleasant hour spent.

In conclusion, permit me again to thank the brethren of the district for the high honor conferred upon myself and mother lodge in electing me to the responsible office of D.D.G.M., and for the courteous manner in which I have invariably been received on my official visits. I shall never forget the pleasant hours spent with my brethren in the different lodges. I have tried my best to do my duty. I have endeavored at all times to impress upon the brethren with whom I came in contact that as Masons and citizens our obligations required of us to be good and true men, thus bringing honor upon their mother lodge and Masonry generally. By so doing we would be better prepared when the call comes for us to pass from this sublunary abode to the grand lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Master forever lives and reigns. If I have failed in my duty, I ask the brethren to forgive me, and extend to me the broad mantle of Masonic charity. I firmly believe that peace and harmony prevail everywhere throughout North Huron District, and may they continue to do so until time shall be no more.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

THOS. BROWN, D.D.G.M.,
North Huron District, No. 5.

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 6, A. F. & A. M.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the report on the condition of Masonry in this district for the year ending June 24th, 1908.

It is not always an easy matter, and frequently not altogether agreeable to all parties interested, to make any deviation from a usual method. The method generally followed in reporting is to make individual reports on the various lodges, but as this causes much repetition I have decided to give a general sketch, and I hope it may meet with your approval and the approval of the district as well.

During the year I visited all the lodges, and on every occasion I was accompanied by my District Secretary, Wor. Bro. George Muller, of Springfield Lodge, No. 259. Besides the companionship of Wor. Bro. Muller the P.D.D.G.M.'s and other Past Grand Lodge officers of the district, with one or two exceptions, were present at their respective lodges on the occasion of my visit, and I found them still active and interested in the work.

The masters are a fine lot of fellows. They have their work well up, except in a few cases, and are well supported by efficient wardens and officers. Kindness and courtesy, ability and willingness seem to characterize the majority. Too much praise cannot be given the various secretaries, as in nearly every instance the right man is in the right place, and Wilson District is blessed with many of them in this position.

The work done is generally good. The majority of the lodges are doing it in an almost faultless manner. Uniformity in this particular I noted, and at the time of my visit mentioned any lack in this respect to the proper officers. There were only a few lodges that had

no work on when I visited, but these, generally speaking, performed the opening and closing exercises in very good style.

The class of men seeking the fold is excellent; men of bright intellect and good influence. The candidates for advancement, with one or two exceptions, showed thorough drilling in the previous work, and appreciation of the truths revealed.

The rooms occupied by the various lodges throughout the district are neat and clean, and contain all the necessary paraphernalia. Many of the lodges own their buildings, having the lower part rented.

Financially, this is not a poor district, as most of the lodges have nice bank account, besides, as I have intimated, they own their buildings and have nice appointments.

Charity, the foundation stone of Masonry, is, notwithstanding the good financial condition, not as well looked after in many instances as it might possibly be. This fact I tried to impress upon the members of those lodges where I noted more might be done, and I hope it sank deeply into their hearts. In this connection it affords me much pleasure to report a not only present, but future interest, in the Semi-Centennial Fund. My worthy District Secretary, Wor. Bro. Geo. Muller, played a good part in this, and succeeded, I believe, in awakening many of the lodges to a sense of duty.

On the whole, I believe that Masonry in this district was never in a more flourishing condition, and for this, credit is due, not to me, but to my predecessors—men of sterling worth, who applied themselves to the work with their whole souls.

In conclusion, I must express the extreme pleasure it afforded me to visit the various lodges, and my sincerest thanks are due to those who not only placed me in this position but who also received me with open-arms. If I have been of any service to the craft during the past year I am pleased, and it will please me still more if I can do anything for the brethren on any future occasion.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. STEWART, D.D.G.M.

Wilson District, No. 6

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.		Mem-ber-ship		Degrees		Affiliations.		Restorations.		Resignations.		Suspensions, N. P. D.		Deceased.		Meet-ings held		Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.		No. of members 12 months in arrears.		Total of all Arrearages.		Date of last G. L. Return.		Financial Standing.		Prospects of Lodge.		Can W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
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WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit my report as D.D.G.M. of Wellington District, No. 7, for the past year.

I desire to express my appreciation of the confidence reposed in me by the brethren of the district in electing me to this responsible office. I entered upon my duties with many misgivings, but thanks to the cordial support everywhere accorded, and the assistance rendered me by my predecessors and other distinguished brethren, my term of office has not been wanting in success.

I desire also to thank the brethren for the cordial fraternal spirit in which I was always received and the generous hospitality everywhere extended to me. I visited each of the twenty-one lodges of the district at least once, and some of them oftener, and in every instance was received with marked cordiality and great kindness; not, of course, as being particularly due to me personally, but as bespeaking the loyalty of the brethren to Grand Lodge and their devotion to the craft.

Every lodge in the district, besides defraying my expenses, entertained me hospitably after the meeting at the refreshment table, many of them giving sumptuous banquets in my honor. To them all I return my sincere thanks for their great kindness. And having made this general acknowledgment, I shall not further refer to the hospitality extended by the several lodges when reporting my visits in detail.

The condition of Masonry throughout the district as a whole is healthy and prosperous. Most of the lodges report substantial gains in membership. Their financial affairs are generally satisfactory. Their books and records are well kept. Greater care is being exercised than formerly in scrutinizing the character of appli-

cants for admission. Harmony prevails generally, and the brethren evince an ever increasing knowledge and appreciation of the true spirit of masonry, as well as greater readiness to apply its principles practically in everyday life. While some lodges are naturally stronger and more prosperous than others, there is none in the district which has not bright and encouraging prospects if the brethren remain true to themselves and the craft. The officers of the lodges, as a rule, are well posted in their duties, and the masters, with few exceptions, are well skilled and well fitted to be rulers of the craft. In a few cases, however, I did not find that thorough acquaintance with the constitution which is desirable, and in some instances the support accorded to the master by the wardens and assistant officers was not all that it ought to be. Brethren in the junior offices often do not seem to realize the invaluable services which they can render the lodge by thoroughly mastering their duties, however trifling they may appear, and always being in their places ready to perform them punctually at the hour of opening.

In many lodges a custom has grown up of promoting the assistant officers and wardens in regular order at each election, until the brother who commenced at the door as inner guard is placed in the east. This custom, if pursued with judgment, may have some advantages, but lodges which follow it should remember that all preferment among Masons is grounded on real worth and personal merit only, and that only those brethren who have shown themselves faithful and capable in the humbler positions should be promoted to the more exalted. No brother should be promoted as a matter of course. Nor should any brother be elected to the chair of the lodge who has been either a failure or only a partial success as warden.

The custom of having refreshments at the close of the evening's work is, I believe, an excellent one, which makes for the harmony and prosperity of the lodge, and I have been pleased to find it generally prevailing. But I would like to caution the lodges against going to extremes in this respect, and expending on elaborate entertainments the money which might more profitably be employed in contributing to such objects as the Semi-Centennial Fund or to the direct relief of distress or mis-

fortune. By all means have refreshments whenever necessary, but let us remember that Masonry stands not only for moderation and sound judgment in all things, but also for the practice of benevolence and charity.

DISTRICT SECRETARY.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Wm. McIntyre, of Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley, as District Secretary, the duties of which office he discharged with fidelity and zeal. I am much indebted to him for valuable aid rendered during the year.

OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

I issued three official circulars during the year. The first on August 31st, 1907, calling attention, among other things, to the requirements of the constitution as to notices and returns and the position and needs of the Semi-Centennial Fund. The second on November 18th, 1907, and May 30th, 1908, to lodges about to elect and install officers, reminding them of the election and duties of Examining Boards and Auditors, as well as the necessity for semi-annual returns; and the third on March 31st, 1908, with reference to a lodge of instruction at Mount Forest.

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

At the request and by the authority of the M.W. the Grand Master, who was unfortunately unable to attend personally, I acted for him at an especial communication of Grand Lodge held at Durham on August 16th, 1907, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Paul's Church, Egremont. The ceremony proved an interesting one, and was performed in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of the surrounding district. The brethren of Durham had made very complete and satisfactory arrangements, which were carried out without mishap.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

On the invitation of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, I held a lodge of instruction for the district at Mount Forest on April 16th, 1908. There was a representative attendance of the brethren, and some very profitable work was done. The first degree was exemplified by Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur; the second by Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford, and the third by St.

Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest. The work was all very creditably done that of the second degree being particularly faultless. Ample time was afforded for discussion, and many interesting points were dealt with, to the advantage, I think, of all who were present. R.W. Bros. R. Mahoney, Guelph; J. J. Craig, Fergus, and J. B. Nixon, Toronto, contributed greatly to the profit and pleasure of the occasion. R.W. Bro. Nixon delivered an interesting address on the Semi-Centennial Fund, which I trust will bear fruit. R.W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, D.D.G.M., of Toronto East District, No. 11a, was also present, and gave me valuable assistance.

The brethren of Mount Forest received us most hospitably, and I have pleasure in acknowledging my indebtedness to them, as well as to the other lodges taking part in the work, for the services so cheerfully rendered.

BY-LAWS.

I forwarded to the M.W. the Grand Master the by-laws of Ayr Lodge, No. 172, for his approval.

APPLICATION FOR NEW LODGE.

I received an application for a new dispensation for a new lodge from seven brothers at Dromore, recommended by Durham Lodge, No. 306, the nearest lodge, which, after investigation, I duly forwarded to the M.W. the Grand Master with my recommendation. But, to my regret, he was unable to see his way to grant the same.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

I regret to report that during the year a number of our brethren have been summoned to the Grand Lodge above, of whom the following have been reported to me: R.W. Bro. Edward Burns, P.D.D.G.M., of the district, and a member of Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, in which he had for many years served as secretary, died December 17th, 1907. R.W. Bro. John McDonald, P.D.D.G.M., of the district, and a member of Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, and of Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus, died May 1st, 1908. W. Bro. Joseph Clarke, Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, died May 1st, 1908. Bro. Norman Kelsey, Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham, died October 26th, 1907. Bro. Peter Thom, Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin, died October 30th, 1907. Bro.

John Peat, Progress Lodge, No. 873, Glasgow, Scotland, died in Ontario, and was buried by Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus, January 28th, 1908. Bro. Christopher Kress, Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston, died in April, 1908. Bro. Robert McPhail, Speed Lodge, No. 180 Guelph, was killed in a railway accident, May 15th, 1908.

VISITS.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph: I commenced my official visits with Guelph Lodge on October 8th, 1907. The W.M., W. Bro. George Hastings, presided and initiated two candidates in a very satisfactory manner. The other officers also did their work well. The books are well kept, and the lodge is prosperous and harmonious, with excellent prospects for the future. R.W. Bro. R. Mahoney is a veteran member of this lodge, who never loses his interest in its welfare. I had the good fortune to be accompanied by my immediate predecessors, R.W. Bros. John Jardine, of Hespeler, and W. G. Stephenson, of Guelph, both of whom contributed to the success of the meeting, and there were present also a number of other visiting brethren. Guelph Lodge has paid its full contribution to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: I visited this lodge on October 16th, 1907. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. A. H. Jardine and his officers in a very efficient manner. The proper Masonic spirit appears to prevail among the brethren of Hespeler, and the lodge as a whole is one of the best in the district. R.W. Bros. John Jardine and R. J. Lockhart are no doubt a source of strength. A pleasant incident of the meeting was the presentation to R. W. Bro. John Jardine, who is the secretary of the lodge, of a handsome set of regalia, in recognition of his services as D.D.G.M. last year. The presentation was made on behalf of the lodges of the district, by R.W. Bros. J. W. Porteous, of Galt, and D. Forsyth, of Berlin, and R.W. Bro. Jardine replied in a few well-chosen words. I was pleased to meet also on this occasion R.W. Bros. D. B. Miller, of Preston, and Wm. Cowan, of Galt, as well as a number of other brethren from Galt, Preston, and Berlin.

Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton: I visited Conestoga Lodge on November 5th, 1907, accompanied by W. Bros. Geo. Hudson, I. Green, and R. T. Tindale, of Arthur. W. Bro. Wm. Noecker, W.M., presided and opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The candidates expected for the second and third degrees did not attend, and no other work was done. The attendance was small, and there appeared to some lack of enthusiasm on the part of the members and want of practice on the part of the officers. The lodge, however, is harmonious with good prospects, and I trust will rapidly recover its old enthusiasm and efficiency. It has paid more than half its quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and will, I am confident, make up the balance.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: I visited Wellington Lodge on November 13th, 1907, accompanied by W. Bro. J. E. Smith and a number of the brethren of Harris Lodge, Orangeville. W. Bro. T. R. Akins initiated a candidate in a manner which evinced his thorough knowledge of the work, although the support given him by some of his officers was not quite as good as I have known in Wellington Lodge. Any shortcoming in this respect, I think, was due to lack of practice, the officers not having had much work since installation, and has doubtless been fully corrected during the winter. The lodge is an excellent one, with good prospects and a good field. I was pleased to meet R.W. Bro. Wm. Conboy and a number of other faithful past masters of old acquaintance.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: I visited this lodge on Nov. 15th, 1907. There was a very fair attendance of members. W. Bro. John Hogarth, W.M., in the chair. The work of the second degree was exemplified by the W.M. and his officers very satisfactorily. St. Alban's is a good lodge, and although its membership is not increasing rapidly, the material is of the best, and its prospects are excellent.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: I visited Clifford Lodge on December 16th, 1907. W. Bro. George Harrison, the W.M., presided and initiated a candidate in an impressive manner. I have, in fact, seldom seen work better done, while the support of the officers throughout was excellent. The lodge is not as strong in numbers

as many in the district, but the right Masonic spirit appears to prevail, and the members are of the right sort. A handsome new lodge room, which the brethren have recently taken, adds greatly to their comfort.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: I visited this lodge on December 20th, 1907. There was a very fair attendance of members, although an air of deep sadness pervaded the meeting owing to the fact that but the day before the brethren had followed to the grave all that was mortal of their best beloved and most trusted member, R.W. Bro. Edward Burns. W. Bro. W. Robertson makes an excellent Master, and is well skilled. One brother was raised to the sublime degree, and the work throughout was very creditably done. The lodge has been heavily afflicted by the grim reaper during the year, having lost, besides R.W. Bro. Burns, R.W. Bro. John McDonald and W. Bro. Joseph Clarke; but I am sure the brethren, while cherishing the memory of the distinguished craftsmen who have departed, will rise superior to their loss and maintain the traditional high standing of their lodge. Irvine is a good lodge, with harmony prevailing and bright prospects.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: I visited Alma Lodge on the occasion of their annual Past Masters' night, December 31st, 1907. There was a large attendance of members. W. Bro. J. S. Wardlaw presided, and the chairs were all filled by past masters. The second degree was worked in a most creditable manner, and while I did not have the pleasure of seeing the work of W. Bro. Secord and his officers, I am satisfied, from the high standard set by the past masters and the general prosperity which the lodge enjoys, that it leaves nothing to be desired. R.W. Bro. Oliver makes an efficient secretary, while R.W. Bro. Porteous still takes the same active interest in the work which has always characterized him. I was much pleased to meet also R.W. Bros. D. B. Miller, of Preston, and Wm. Cowan, of Galt Lodge. Alma is a splendid lodge, with the brightest prospects. Active steps are being taken to complete its share of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston: I visited Preston Lodge on February 3rd, 1908, at an emergency meeting, which the W.M. was kind enough to call for the purpose of receiving me. There was a good attendance of mem-

bers, notwithstanding severe weather and some other meetings in town. I was sorry to find that the W.M., W. Bro. C. H. Belt, was absent through illness. W. Bro. Geo. A. Roos acted for him, and, with the assistance of the officers present, exemplified the work of the third degree in an excellent manner, the support of the wardens and deacons being particularly good. R.W. Bro. D. B. Miller, whom I was pleased to meet again in his own lodge, assured me that W. Bro. Belt was well skilled, and from the prosperity of the lodge and the work of the other officers I am sure this is the case. R.W. Bro. Miller himself has been a source of strength to the craft, both in Preston and the surrounding district. His removal to Elora, which has since occurred, will leave a place hard to fill. Preston is a good lodge, with a new and well-equipped lodge room and splendid prospects. It has overpaid its full quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: I visited this lodge on February 4th, 1908, when there was an excellent attendance of members. W. Bro. James H. Cowan, the W.M., was unfortunately unable to be present, owing to his not yet fully recovered from a severe illness. Some of the assistant officers were also absent through illness. W. Bro. Robert Mitchell presided in the east, and initiated a candidate in a very creditable manner. I was assured that the W.M. was thoroughly familiar with the duties of his office and makes an excellent presiding officer. I was pleased to meet again R.W. Bro. Wm. Cowan, who is a member of Galt Lodge, and to whom no doubt much of its prosperity is due; also R.W. Bro. Miller, of Preston, and a number of other visiting brethren. Galt Lodge has paid its share of the Semi-Centennial Fund in full.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: I visited Durham Lodge on February 11th, 1908, and was very cordially received by the brethren. The Master, W. Bro. James Ireland, was in the east, and makes an excellent presiding officer. The first and second degrees were worked in a very satisfactory manner. The lodge is one of the more isolated lodges of the district, but, notwithstanding, is prosperous and harmonious, and is utilizing only the best material. Its prospects are excellent.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph I visited this lodge on March 3rd, 1908. The W.M. W. Bro. John H.

Stevenson, presided and showed himself well qualified for the position. The work of the evening was that of the first degree, which was done very satisfactorily, the support of the wardens and assistant officers being excellent. R.W. Bro. W. G. Stephenson, at the secretary's desk, is the right man in the right place. The lodge is harmonious and prosperous. I was pleased to meet again R.W. Bro. R. Mahoney and a number of brethren of Guelph and Waverley Lodges.

Mercer Lodge, No 347, Fergus: I visited Mercer Lodge on March 6th, 1908. There was a very fair attendance of members. The Master, W. Bro. W. A. Ross, presided, and conferred the sublime degree on a candidate very skilfully. The work of the officers generally was good, and showed careful and diligent training. I was glad to learn that active steps were being taken to complete the Semi-Centennial Fund. Mercer is prosperous, and has bright prospects. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. George Tait, Toronto.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: I visited this lodge on March 9th. W. Bro. N. T. Morrell was in the east, and initiated a candidate in a very satisfactory manner. There was a good attendance, and the members appear to take an active interest in the work. Harriston is an excellent and prosperous lodge, with a bright future. A number of visitors were present from Clifford, Guelph and other places, among whom I was pleased to meet again R.W. Bro. Mahoney.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin: I visited Grand River Lodge on March 10th, 1908, when there was a large attendance of members. W. Bro. Charles H. Boehn presided, and exemplified the work of the second degree very efficiently. Grand River Lodge is the strongest in numbers in the district, and is enjoying marked prosperity. Their beautiful and well-equipped lodge room is justly a source of pride to the brethren. Unusual care is exercised in the selection of members. harmony prevails, and prospects are of the brightest. The completion of their quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund is the only step in advance which I could suggest to the brethren. I was pleased again to meet R.W. Bro. Miller, of Preston.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: I visited my own lodge officially on March 16th, 1908. There was a large

attendance of brethren, among whom was V.W. Bro. G. H. Cooper, of Toronto, one of the charter members of the lodge. The W.M. W. Bro. Stewart Tate, presided, and exemplified the second degree very creditably. He has an excellent staff of young officers, who only need instruction and practice to do faultless work. Scott Lodge, although the youngest in the district, is strong and prosperous. W. Bro. Wm. McIntyre makes an ideal secretary, and his books are as nearly perfect as they can be. The Semi-Centennial Fund is nearly paid up, and I was assured that it would be completed this year. I was pleased to meet W. Bro. White and a number of brethren of Lorne Lodge, Shelburne, in Georgian District.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur: I visited Prince Arthur Lodge on March 17th, 1908. W. Bro. T. Rafter, Jr., W.M., was in the chair, and there was a very fair attendance of members. There being no regular work on, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and, at my request, part of the work of the third degree was exemplified by the W.M. and his officers. The work was very well done, but stronger support from the wardens and assistant officers generally would improve it. Prince Arthur is an excellent lodge, with bright prospects. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Tate and McClelland, of Grand Valley, and there were a number of other visitors from Grand Valley, Drayton, and other points.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: I visited this lodge on April 14th, 1908. W.Bro. Robert Meek presided, and there was a large attendance of members. The work of the evening, that of the first degree, was done in an impressive and very satisfactory manner. W. Bro. Meek makes an excellent master, and is supported by an excellent staff of officers. R.W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, of Toronto, was present and gave a short address on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Fund, which elicited a generous response. He later delivered an interesting lecture on Masonic Symbolism. This is one of the strongest and most prosperous lodges in the district. R.W. Bro. Robert Irvine, whom I was pleased to see present, is one of its most active members.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: I visited Waverley Lodge on May 11th, 1908, at an emergent meeting,

specially called by the W.M. for the purpose of receiving me. W. Bro. R. S. Cull was in the east, where he proved himself well qualified for the position, and there was a large attendance of brethren. The first degree was worked very efficiently, the support of the wardens and assistant officers being particularly good. I was informed that every officer was in his place punctually at the hour of opening. This is a great source of strength to the W.M. and the lodge. The Semi-Centennial Fund is paid up in full. Waverley is a splendid lodge, with very bright prospects. I was pleased to meet on this occasion R.W. Bros. Savage and Stephenson, as well as the masters and a number of brethren of the other Guelph lodges.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr: I visited this lodge on May 12th, 1908, accompanied by R.W. Bros. John Jardine, of Hespeler, and Wm. Cowan and J. W. Porteous, of Galt. The Master, W. Bro. James W. Henderson, presided, and conferred the third degree in a very creditable manner. A little more active interest and practice on the part of the other officers would, I think, be an improvement, but, on the whole, the work was very fair. The lodge is small numerically, but it is harmonious, and has a number of excellent Masons, as well as a beautiful little lodge room, and is doing good work in an unobtrusive way. I was pleased to meet on this occasion, in addition to the distinguished brethren with me, R.W. Bro. James Smiley, of Paris, in the adjoining district.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: I completed my official visits with Blair Lodge on May 22nd, 1908. The attendance was small, and a number of the officers were absent, but I was informed that most of them were railway men who were out on duty. W. Bro. P. J. Faskin, W.M., conferred the second degree in a manner very creditable to himself but the support given him by his officers was not as good as it might have been. The assistant officers seemed to lack interest, and showed want of practice. There were no past masters present. I was sorry to learn that R. W. Bro. Hyndman and the Secretary, Bro. H. McEwing, were both absent through illness. Blair Lodge has a number of good Masons, and ought to be one of the best in the district. I trust that the lack of interest which I noticed is but temporary

and will be remedied next year. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Fisher, McLellan, and Glenney, of Harriston, and was pleased to meet also W. Bros. Gordon and Scarr and others from Drayton.

In conclusion, I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to many distinguished brethren, particularly my immediate predecessor, R.W. Bro. John Jardine, of Hespeler, for much valued counsel and assistance rendered me during the year, and to the brethren of the district generally for the uniform kindness received at their hands, which has made my year of office one of the most pleasant of my life.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. A. V. PRESTON, D.D.G.M.,
Wellington District, No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Memb-ership.		Degrees con-ferred.		Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.					
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.										Resignations.	Suspensions, P. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.	
																						Regular.	Irregular.	Total.
72	Alma	Galt	135	1	5	6	9	1	1	1	1	25	\$30 00	5	42 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes Jointly				
151	Grand River	Berlin	189	25	16	18	18	9	1	1	6	25	50 00	13	41 50	Jan. 1, '08	Clear	Good	Yes \$700 00				
173	Ayr	Ayr	46	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	5	21	50 00	13	41 50	Jan. 1, '08	Good	Good	Yes 700 00				
180	Speed	Guelph	68	8	3	3	3	1	1	1	5	21	30 00	5	35 00	June 13, '08	Fair	Fair	Yes 1500 00				
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	60	2	6	4	4	3	1	1	12	15	5 00	6	35 00	June 24, '07	Bright	Bright	Yes 500 00				
203	Irvine	Elora	69	5	6	6	6	1	1	1	12	15	5 00	10	34 80	Mar. 3, '08	Good	Good	Yes 500 00				
216	Harris	Oranville	160	2	9	6	6	3	4	3	13	21	25 00	17	131 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes 500 00				
257	Galt	Galt	154	5	10	7	8	1	1	1	13	25	44	17	131 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes Jointly				
258	Guelph	Guelph	110	7	10	7	9	1	1	1	13	28	30 00	15	109 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes Yes				
262	Harrison	Harrison	86	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	12	18	37 95	19	68 25	Jan. 1, 1908	very good	very good	Yes 360 00				
271	Wellington	Erin	78	2	4	3	3	1	1	1	14	14	28	28	102 50	June, 1907	Good	Good	Yes 400 00				
279	New Hope	Hesper	79	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	14	26	30 00	7	143 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes 400 00				
285	Conestogo	Drayton	59	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	12	18	00 00	13	52 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes 800 00				
297	Preston	Preston	61	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	11	22	8	138 37	Dec. 27, '07	Good	very good	Yes 800 00					
306	Durham	Durham	66	6	10	4	7	3	3	3	12	15	8	25 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes 330 00					
314	Blair	Palmerston	80	9	5	5	1	1	1	1	13	16	10 00	25	90 00	Dec. 27, '07	Surplus	Good	Yes 330 00				
315	Clifford	Clifford	58	4	5	3	3	1	1	1	13	17	10 00	2	21 75	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes None				
334	Pr Arthur	Arthur	58	1	6	7	1	2	2	1	14	16	35 00	2	7 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fair	Yes 500 00				
337	Mercer	Fergus	59	1	4	4	5	1	1	1	11	15	10 00	6	12 00	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Good	Yes 500 00				
341	Waverley	Guelph	115	10	11	5	4	5	4	2	9	30	35 00	23	110 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes 1500 00				
361	Scott	Grand Valley	86	9	11	5	3	3	3	1	13	24	5 00	2	43 25	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes 500 00				

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 8.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report as D.D.G.M. of the 8th Masonic District during the past year. All the lodges in the district were visited by me officially. The condition of Masonry in this district is, on the whole, most satisfactory. There have been no matters of contention, and the fraternal relations between the lodges and their members are most happy. There exists throughout the utmost harmony, and apparently the only rivalry is in good works. A satisfactory increase in the number of members is noted. The subscriptions to the Semi-Centennial Ben. Fund have added materially to it. The following lodges have paid their S.C.B. F. assessments in full: The Barton, No. 6; Street Observance, No. 27; St. John's, No. 40; Acacia, No. 61, Doric, No. 382; all of Hamilton.

Some have exceeded the amount apportioned to them. Nowhere throughout the district have I found an opponent of this fund. On several instances a difficulty has arisen in respect to members holding dual membership, and in other instances in respect to non-resident members. I have impressed upon the lodges the necessity of paying their assessment in full, and have held that dual membership entails dual obligations. Practically, however, I have been told that it is difficult, and often impossible to collect subscriptions from this class of members, and especially from those who have moved away, often to a great distance.

Generally, there is an improvement in the payment of lodge dues. The amount in arrears is lessened, and but few have been suspended from N. P. D.

Most of the lodges attend divine worship in a body at least once a year. In a few instances this laudable func-

tion has not been observed of late, but all have undertaken to carry it out in future.

In the majority of the lodges the regular attendance and active co-operation of the Past Masters is noticeable, and these are invariably the most aggressive and successful lodges. I have maintained that the Past Masters are the backbone of Masonry, and those lodges that are not supported by their P.M.'s are liable to fall back and languish. Every lodge should make an especial effort to retain the active sympathy and assistance of the P.M.'s. It is a grave mistake for a W.M. to monopolize all the working of degrees. Attendance soon falls off, and the interest of the members cannot be retained.

The social side of Masonry is liable to be somewhat neglected in the country lodges. I do not refer altogether to the serving of refreshments after labor, but to those social functions which might do so much to brighten the lives and widen the views of the members. By the proper use of all the advantages obtainable in a Masonic Lodge, Masons in every locality should have the opportunity of leading in every good work, and of being the centre of every movement for the advancement of the community. Let us live up to our privileges.

I have to report the deaths of the following brethren: The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Bro. Robert Griffith, Bro. C. W. Meakins, Bro. F. B. Vallance; Strict Observance, No. 27, Bros. Wm. Stewart, J. W. Sinclair, E. A. Dalley; St. John's, No. 40, Bros. John McKay, T. W. Forwood, M. Howles; Brant, No. 45, Bros. J. H. Cocker, S. Tomlinson; Harmony, No. 57, W. Bro. David Greenhill, Bro. Geo. Mitchell; Acacia, No. 61, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Bros. John Smith, B. Edwards, John Gompf, Sam McGill; St. Andrew's, No. 62, bro. John Ryan; Doric, No. 121, Bros. Thos. H. Spence, W. H. Alford, G. P. Taylor; St. Clair, No. 135, Bro. David Wheelihan; Burlington, No. 165, W. Bro. J. W. Upper; Wentworth, No. 166, W. Bro. F. M. Carpenter; Seymour, No. 272, Bro. S. A. M. Culp, V.W. Bro. Wm. Dewar; Walker, No. 321 Bro. Robert Agnew; Temple, No. 324, Bro. F. E. Walker, W. Bro. Roland Hills, Bro. E. O. Shaver, Bro. John Cape; Doric, No. 382, Bros. A. W. Haynes and S. H. Graham.

The death of the late Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro.

Hugh Murray, was a shock, not only to the community where he lived and was loved and appreciated, but throughout the Masonic fraternity. His funeral was attended by an extremely large number of distinguished brethren. Bro. Murray's activities had covered the whole range of Masonic work. Holding every office in Craft Masonry, from the humblest in his mother lodge to the highest in the gift of the fraternity, he had maintained that activity to the close of his life. At the annual meeting of Acacia Lodge, No. 61, on December 21st, 1907, an eloquent and appreciative address was delivered in memoriam by W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C., which was afterwards printed and distributed among the brethren.

W. Bro. Logan was appointed District Secretary.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook: My first official visit was to Harmony Lodge, on October 16th, 1907, accompanied by the District Secretary and several other brethren. The lodge opened at a late hour, which I afterwards found was characteristic of country lodges. There was an attendance of 20 members. At the request of the Grand Master I invested V.W. Bro. J. F. Senn, Grand Steward, with the regalia of his office. Bro. Senn has been a mainstay of Harmony Lodge for many years, and occupied the chair three times. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the second degree exemplified on a volunteer candidate. This lodge has 39 members, an increase of four in the year. The lodge is in a good position, and I understand there has been marked improvement in the work since my visit. There are no members in arrears. The lodge owns its own building, and has no debts. The Secretary, W. Bro. Dr. McIlwraith, is a tower of strength to the lodge, and the books are kept in a most admirable manner. The D.D.G.M. and visitors were entertained by the members with lavish hospitality.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek: On October 21st, 1907, accompanied by a large number of brethren from Hamilton, I visited this lodge. The W. M., Col. Ptolemy, and officers worked the first degree in good style, and the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees. The officers are well up in their work, and do themselves and the lodge credit. The lodge room is well furnished, of sufficient size, and provided

with suitable ante-rooms. There has been an increase of four in membership, and the outlook for the future is bright. The financial position is good, fees fairly well paid up, and the books are kept in an excellent manner. The lodge has been somewhat backward in promoting the S.C.B. fund. An enjoyable banquet closed this very pleasant visit.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford: Date of visit November 12th, 1907. A number of distinguished brethren accompanied me from Hamilton. There was a large attendance of members. The W.M., F. J. Colbeck, worked the first degree in a very enjoyable manner. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation by the lodge through the D.D.G.M., of a P.M. jewel to W. Bro. Heath, the I. P. M. This lodge is in a flourishing condition. There has been an increase of nine in membership. The funds are not as large as they should be, and the S.C.B. Fund is behind, but the lodge intends to straighten this up. A large number of applications for membership (10) were received this evening. The officers and members show commendable enthusiasm in the prospects of this excellent lodge for the future. A largely attended and interesting banquet, with songs and speeches, closed the evening.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster: November 19th, 1907, was a beautiful night for the drive to Ancaster, accompanied, as usual, by a number of distinguished brethren. There was a very large attendance of members, and the W.M. (W. Bro. Fortune) worked the second degree in a very creditable manner. During the evening two old past masters, W. Bro. Middleton and V.W. Bro. Stewart (secretary) were presented with past master's jewels. These brethren had taken hold of the lodge when its affairs were in rather desperate shape, and had turned the tide toward prosperity. The books are well kept. The dues fairly well paid up. The lodge owns its building, which is kept properly insured. The lodge room is rather small for the increase in membership. A sumptuous banquet followed the closing of the lodge. The claims of the S. C. B. Fund were duly impressed upon the members, and assurances of attention to it were made. This lodge sets apart a day in September to decorate the graves of departed brethren.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton: The official visit was made on December 10th, 1907, being the annual

meeting of the lodge. At the request of the W.M., W. Bro. Burkholder, the D.D.G.M. conducted the election of officers for the ensuing year. The district secretary presented a very favorable report on the standing of the lodge. There is a large membership and a large average attendance. All the officers do their work in a satisfactory manner, and the prospects of the lodge are bright. An enjoyable hour was spent in the banquet room, and, as usual, where the claims of the S. C. B. Fund had been overlooked, the D.D.G.M. impressed the advisability of this strong lodge showing a good example. It will be paid in full.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton: The annual meeting was held on December 13th, 1907, and at request of the W.M. the D.D.G.M. conducted the election of officers, which resulted harmoniously and unanimously. The lodge was in mourning for M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and out of respect to his memory the usual banquet was omitted. This is one of the strongest lodges in the district, and is in good financial position. The lodge has paid its entire assessment to the S. C. B. Fund; and in every way is flourishing. The increase of membership during the year was 17. On this occasion there was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors, and a most eloquent and impressive eulogy on the late W.M. Bro. Hugh Murray was delivered by W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C. A number of distinguished brethren also spoke on the same subject.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington: The official visit was paid on December 18th, 1908, the occasion of the annual meeting and election of officers. At the request of the W.M. the election was conducted by the D.D.G.M. There was a large attendance of friends and visitors. The work in this lodge is carried out carefully and smartly, and the ancient landmarks carefully observed. The lodge room is comfortable and tastefully furnished. The building is owned by a Masonic Joint Stock Company, the lodge owning a number of the shares. The lodge is flourishing, and its affairs are carefully looked after. Only three members in arrears amounting to \$15, all good. The officers elect are a likely lot, and no doubt continued prosperity awaits Burlington Lodge. The S. C. B. Fund is behind, but another effort will be made. After the lodge closed

refreshments were served in the lodge room, and the Hamilton party then returned in special car, well pleased with their visit.

St. John's, No. 40, Hamilton: December 14th, 1907. This was the annual meeting, and the election of officers was conducted by the D.D.G.M. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, notwithstanding the absence of all festivities and of the usual banquet omitted out of respect to the memory of M. W. Bro. Murray. This lodge has the largest membership in the district, and is very strong financially. The membership continues to increase rapidly.

Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton: December 20th, 1907. This occasion was also the annual meeting and election of officers. This lodge is very strong numerically, and distinguished by the *esprit du corps* of its members and attention to the details in the work. Financially the lodge is strong, and there are no outstanding dues. The S. C. B. Fund assessment has been overpaid. Owing to the death of M. W. Bro. Murray no banquet was held, but a large number remained for social conversation and mutual felicitations after the lodge closed. An interesting feature of this meeting was the investiture of the grand secretary pro. tem by the D.D.G.M., at the request of the G. M. Many congratulations and expressions of goodwill were made to R.W. Bro. Gunn by the fellow members of his mother lodge and others.

Dundurn Lodge, No. 475: Dec. 21st, 1907. The first election of officers of this, the youngest lodge in the district, was conducted by the D.D.G.M. All the officers were elected by ballot—though practically unanimous—according to the rather unusual by-law of the lodge. Dundurn started about two years ago with 16 members, and has now 80. There was at this meeting 40 members—a large percentage—and visitors. The usual banquet was omitted from respect to the memory of M. W. Bro. Murray. The prosperity and increasing membership of this ambitious lodge shows that there was plenty of room for it. Its prospects are very bright.

St. George, No. 243: December 27th, 1907. I had the honor of being accompanied on my official visit by M.W. the Grand Master in, a private capacity as a member of the lodge, and a number of brethren from Ham-

ilton. This was the occasion of the installation of officers, and the ceremony was conducted by M.W. Bro. Freed. Though the weather was inclement there was a large turnout of members. The lodge is prospering; a large number of past masters taking an evident interest in its affairs. Too many members are in arrears. Twenty dollars has been collected on account of the S. C. B. Fund. M.W. Bro. Freed made a strong appeal, and \$48 additional was subscribed on the spot. The new officers are well qualified, and know their work. The brethren were urged to attend church in a body, and to encourage the social features of Masonry. The prospects of St. George Lodge are bright.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove: January 14th, 1908. I drove out with several brethren on this beautiful winter evening. The lodge has no provision for the horses and rigs of members, but the neighbors very kindly give them shelter. There was a large turnout of members, many of whom drove a long distance. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees creditably. An enjoyable program of songs and speeches followed refreshments. The claims of the S. C. B. Fund were urged by the D.D.G.M., by R.W. Bro. Dr. McGregor, and Rev. Bro. Anthony. The members are alive to the needs of the fund, and promised that the whole assessment would be collected. This lodge has a 99 year lease of a substantial building. The lodge room upstairs is rather cramped, but downstairs there is a large commodious room, used for banquets, concerts, etc. The building is insured for a small amount. Masonic interest seems keen.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville: February 11th, 1908. Several brethren accompanied me on the Radial on my official visit. We returned by the late Grand Trunk train. There was a large attendance of members, and the work of the first degree was well done. The lodge room is commodious and well furnished, and has suitable facilities. Afterwards, a banquet was served in the lodge room, and speeches, dwelling especially upon the claims of the S. C. B. Fund, were made by the D.D.G.M. and others. The balance due by this lodge will be paid forthwith. There is a good deal of interest taken in Masonry in Oakville. The affairs of the lodge are prosperous, and practically all dues are paid up. The

Royal Arch chapter meets in the blue room.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford: February 21st, 1908. The large lodge room was crowded with members and visitors from Hamilton, Paris and other points. The work consisted of the examination of candidates in the work of the three degrees, and the delivery of the lectures and charges. The candidates were surprisingly well posted, and were letter perfect in the obligations, as well as in the answers to the questions. The lectures were illustrated, and the entire work was worthy of the highest commendation. A most enjoyable banquet followed. Doric is flourishing, and the membership is rapidly increasing. The past masters, among whom R.W. Bro. Liddell is prominent, take an active interest in lodge work. The deputation returned to Hamilton well satisfied with their visit to this fine lodge.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia: March 11th, 1908. Although the roads were in a bad shape, there was a large attendance of members and visitors; one of the largest meetings in years. A candidate was initiated in good form. V.W. Bro. Olds, an old past master and a prominent Masonic figure in Caledonia, was made an honorary member in recognition of his long services. The W.M. is energetic and enthusiastic, and Masonry is looking up in Caledonia. For some years past Masonic interests have not advanced here, and Masonry has not held the prominent position it should in the community. There is prospect of better things, and there is no reason why St. Andrew's should not become one of the most prominent lodges in the district. After lodge closed refreshments were served in an adjoining room. The claims of the S. C. B. Fund were urged and admitted, and promise of the lodge paying its assessment in full was made. The W.M. and officers contemplate cultivating the social side of Masonry to a greater extent, and to revive the custom of church attendance. I have great hopes of St. Andrew's.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton: March 16th, 1908. This lodge meets in a small but comfortable room, which has been its home for a generation. It has an abominable approach. There was a large attendance of members, and the first degree was worked. There is a fine body of officers, and the manner in which the work was done gave evidence of care and practice. The member-

ship roll is 56, but of these 26 are non-residents, so that practically there are only 30 in active connection. Good material seems scarce, and the lodge wisely limits its candidates to quality. Notwithstanding the numerical weakness, it is in good financial condition, and full of pluck and ginger. Some day there will be a massive hall here, and there will be doings. After lodge closed a capital banquet was served at the very comfortable hotel opposite the lodge room. The S. C. B. Fund assessment will be paid in full by the active members, but the absentees cannot be depended upon to contribute. This is a really fine little lodge.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown: April 7th, 1908. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The first degree was worked satisfactorily. There is plenty of good material in this lodge; a body of past masters who continue to take an interest, and a fine lot of young men. The membership is not as large as it should be, but the prospects for the future are bright.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton: April 16th, 1908. Accompanied by some Hamilton brethren and visitors from Georgetown and other places. The lodge room is comfortably and newly furnished. The first degree was worked in a good manner, and the ancient landmarks are carefully observed. The lodge is in good financial condition.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas, May 11, 1908. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from Hamilton, Flamboro, and other parts. The membership is not increasing very rapidly. The officers know their work, and do it effectively. The lodge is sound financially. Many of the past masters seem to have lost interest, which is a misfortune to any lodge. I hope to see Valley Lodge become a greater centre of influence.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro: May 11th, 1908. This sturdy lodge meets in a small but comfortable room, with a banquet room attached. The approach to the lodge room is not creditable, but the heartiness of our reception and the hospitality of the brethren makes up for any deficiencies. The work of the first degree was exemplified before a large attendance of members, many having come from a long distance on this very inclement night. The lodge is thriving.

ing finely, is in good financial state, and will do its share towards the S. C. B. Fund.

The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton: June 5th, 1908
At request of the W.M. I conducted the election of officers at this the annual meeting of old Barton. The spirit and energy of this fine lodge are well known. The past masters, as well as the members, are ever anxious to do their whole duty, and more, where the interests of the lodge are concerned. There has been a large increase of membership during the past year, and the finances are in good shape. With the very competent officers elected, and the good spirit that prevails, there need be no fear for the Barton Lodge during the coming year.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton: June 15th, 1908.
This was also the annual meeting and election of officers. Doric Lodge continues to make good progress. Membership is increasing and the financial position is very strong. The steadying influence of experienced past masters is evident here as in the Barton Lodge. The annual meeting was most successful in every respect.

In closing my report, I have to thank the brethren not only for the honor of being elected by acclamation, but also for the unvarying courtesy and fraternal kindness and hospitality with which my visits have been received. The year has been a most pleasant one for me, and contrary, apparently, to the expectations of many. I lay down my office with regret. I do not think I ever had a happier year. My thanks are also due W. Bro. Logan, the District Secretary, for his careful attention to the duties of his office, and to the many brethren who accompanied me on my visits, and assisted so materially in making them enjoyable.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. S. GRIFFIN, D.D.G.M.,
Hamilton District, No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table Showing the work done in Hamilton District, No. 8, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degr's conf'd	Total No. of all Mem.		Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.																		
6	The Barton	Hamilton	391	20	16	19	16	9	16	19	16	9	1	1	1	4	12	4	16	41	\$58	65	22	\$ 216	75	June 24, '08	Good	Yes	\$ 300 00
27	Strict Obs.	Hamilton	387	...	9	11	14	2	...	...	...	7	...	...	4	13	4	17	60	83	05	13	24	50	June 24, '08	Good	Yes	Joint	
40	St. John's	Hamilton	440	12	20	21	24	3	...	...	...	4	7	...	5	12	7	19	63	112	2	62	198	00	June 24, '08	Good	....	Joint	
45	Brant	Brantford	212	9	16	13	16	10	...	...	...	6	...	...	2	12	10	22	28	130	00	18	250	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	1200 00	
57	Harmony	Bibbrook	39	4	4	4	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	13	3	16	13	5	00	...	...	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	900 00		
61	Acacia	Hamilton	382	17	9	9	11	7	...	...	...	2	...	...	4	13	6	19	49	90	00	77	132	25	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	Joint	
62	St. Andrew	Caledonia	53	6	6	3	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	14	1	15	25	148	00	4	33	00	June 24, '08	Good	Yes	200 00	
100	St. Valley	Dundas	131	3	8	7	7	2	...	...	...	1	5	...	1	10	4	14	26	38	00	35	160	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	500 00	
121	Doric	Brantford	388	26	26	23	24	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	11	12	25	53	371	90	55	196	75	Dec. 27, '07	Excell'nt	Yes	1000 00	
135	St. Clair	Milton	99	6	6	4	6	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	11	1	11	23	40	00	31	145	50	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	200 00	
165	Burlington	Burlington	103	9	9	8	10	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	13	1	14	24	25	00	12	460	00	Dec. 27, '07	\$761 29	Yes	300 00	
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	137	4	3	2	2	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	12	3	13	30	15	00	20	45	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	600 00	
219	Credit	Georgetown	80	7	8	6	5	3	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	12	3	15	19	...	...	16	49	35	June 24, '07	Bright	Yes	500 00	
243	St. George	St. George	80	5	4	2	3	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	13	3	17	18	10	00	21	198	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	450 00	
272	Seymour	Ancaster	113	9	9	8	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	13	2	15	30	35	00	12	50	00	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Yes	200 00	
291	Dufferin	WestFlomboro	90	7	7	7	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	12	1	13	29	10	00	14	125	00	June 24, '08	Good	Yes	200 00	
321	Walker	Acton	56	1	5	3	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	12	2	14	16	20	00	3	7	50	June 24, '08	Fair	Yes	Joint	
324	Temple	Hamilton	343	7	17	10	10	3	...	...	...	2	5	4	5	12	3	15	40	76	00	27	97	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	150 00	
357	Waterford	Waterford	98	3	4	4	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	13	1	14	20	45	00	20	289	75	June 24, '08	Good	Yes	100 00	
382	Doric	Millgrove	208	10	18	20	24	3	...	...	...	4	5	...	4	13	2	15	63	121	20	88	239	75	June 24, '08	Excell'nt	Yes	400 00	
400	Oakville	Hamilton	131	5	5	9	11	4	...	...	...	2	3	...	1	11	3	14	30	116	28	37	103	50	Feb. 10, '08	Good	Yes	400 00	
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	86	19	18	26	23	6	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	12	...	12	34	20	00	25	70	00	Dec. 27, '08	Good	Yes	.....	

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting my report of the condition of Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9, I desire, in the first place, to express my sincere thanks to my brethren for electing me to the honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master. Owing to the severe winter the task of visiting the lodges was a very arduous one, but it never ceased to be a pleasure.

Regarding the state of Masonry in Georgian District, I am glad to report that as a whole it is in a very satisfactory condition. In nearly all the lodges I have been impressed with the uniformity of work done, which, I think, bears ample testimony to the good and faithful work done by the D.D.G.M.'s who have preceded me in office, as well as the good judgment of the brethren of the various lodges in selecting enthusiastic and capable officers. The work, with few exceptions, has been correctly and impressively performed. There are 23 lodges in the district. I have visited every one at least once and desire to acknowledge the uniform kindness and hospitality extended to me by all the officers and members during my term of office. I am pleased to be able to report that the condition of Masonry in this district is exceedingly prosperous.

My first official act was the issuing of a circular letter to the lodges in the district and appointing Rev. Bro. W. T. Allison District Chaplain and Bro. W. A. Doner District Secretary, both of Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner.

In my official visits, where the Semi-Centennial Fund has not received the attention it should, I repeatedly urged upon the masters, officers and brethren the aims and objects of this fund to the best of my ability. My efforts, I believe, will be rewarded, and I do not think

that Georgian District, No. 9, will be outdone by any district under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. I wish to strongly repeat the recommendation of my predecessors that this district is too large, and requires too much time to be devoted by the D.D.G.M. I would urge that immediate action should be taken to divide or rearrange the district. If this cannot be done, I would recommend that the lodges hold their elections in May. As it is now, elections are held in December, and the D.D.G.M. cannot start on his visits until February or March, and that only leaves him about four months to make his official visits to 23 lodges. If all the lodges held their elections in May the D.D.G.M. would have the whole year to pay his visits.

On the 13th March, 1908, I received from Victoria Lodge, No. 470, Victoria Harbor, for approval of the M.W., the Grand Master, an amendment to the by-laws, which were duly approved of and confirmed by the M.W. the Grand Master.

The following deaths of brethren have been reported to me during the past year: Bro. Thos. Mathison, Coronation Lodge, No. 466, Elmvale; Bro. H. Dollery, Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie; W. Bro. Carson, W. Bro. Hare, W. Bro. Cleland, P.M.'s Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford; W. Bro. Van Dusen, Bro. Flesher, Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton; Bro. Webb, Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg; Wor. Bro. Warren, Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie; and W. Bro. McGraw, Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud.

I think it would be fitting for me here to make mention of the severe loss Grand Lodge sustained through the death of M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary. We have lost one of our boldest champions. He was a brother of sterling worth. Those of us who are in the habit of attending Grand Lodge will miss his genial presence, and his absence we will deeply mourn. May we ever cherish his memory in our hearts by trying to emulate his good example.

CORNER STONE LAYING.

Through the secretary of Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford, the trustees of the Methodist Church invited the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of the new Methodist Church. I endorsed the request, and forwarded it

to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Master granted the request, and on the 25th of May, 1908, opened a Grand Lodge meeting for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Methodist Church in the town of Meaird, at which meeting I attended. The M.W. the Grand Master was present and performed the ceremony. There was a large attendance of the brethren from the surrounding lodges who assisted.

Calendonian Lodge, No. 249, Midland: This was my first official visit on November 18th, 1907. I was met and most hospitably entertained by W. Bro. George McLean, who devoted the afternoon of my arrival in driving me around to see the points of interest in Midland. They have a good sized lodge room and well furnished. A good attendance of members and also a number of visitors from Victoria Harbor, Penetang and Elmvale. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by W. Bro. Montgomery and W. Bro. Wardell. The reception given me was most cordial. The W.M. opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees. The E. A. degree was conferred on a candidate in an excellent manner by W. Bro. McLean, W.M., ably supported by his officers. The J.W. gave his charge in good style. Bro. McTavish, the Secretary, gave the charge from the Book of Constitution in an impressive manner. The secretary's books are well kept. The banquet was served in a room adjoining the lodge, followed by a fine musical program, interspersed with some excellent speeches. The singing of Auld Lang Syne brought to a close a very pleasant fraternal visit.

Victoria Lodge, No. 470, Victoria Harbor: I visited this lodge on November 19th, 1907. I was met at the train by W. Bro. Wardell and Bro. Youngson. I received a very cordial welcome. The attendance at lodge was very large. A number of brethren from Midland, Coldwater, Waubaushene, and Elmvale were present and taxed the hall to its utmost. This hall is rather small for the membership, but at present the only one available. The secretary's books are neat and well kept, and the finances of the lodge in good shape. The last payment of the Semi-Centennial Fund will be made before this report reaches Grand Lodge. W. Bro. Wardell, W.M., opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees, and initiated a candidate in a very creditable

manner, well supported by his officers. The charge from the J.W. was excellently given. After the lodge room ceremony was over the brethren adjourned to the Orange Hall, and enjoyed a splendid banquet. I was pleased to meet at the fourth degree my old friend Rev. Mr. Wallace, Methodist Minister of that town, formerly of Stayner, also Rev. Mr. Burnett, Presbyterian Minister. The addresses from these gentlemen were of a high order. Singing of Auld Lang Syne ended a very pleasant evening.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: I made my visit to this lodge on the night of 20th of December, 1907. The attendance was large. Many visitors from Corinthian Lodge and Minerva Lodge. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by W. Bros. Beecroft and Rev. Dr. Witten, and welcomed most warmly by the W.M.V.W. Bro. Hallett. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. The work was an exemplification of the first degree, which was done by the W. Master, assisted by his efficient wardens and officers, in a very creditable manner. I was much pleased with the accurate and impressive rendering of the Junior Warden's lecture by Bro. Webb, J.W. The lodge finances are in good form; the dues are well kept in hand by W. Bro. Smith, who is a faithful secretary. This lodge has not done, as yet, what it should for the Semi-Centennial Fund. I explained the object of this worthy cause. The W.M. and brethren have promised to take the matter up, and will do something before the next meeting of Grand Lodge. After the work was completed I enjoyed a dainty little supper most thoroughly, after which came the customary toasts and some eloquent remarks from the brethren present.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford, was visited on the 27th of January, 1908. This lodge, being one of the oldest in the district, it was expected that the work would be well done, and they fully sustained their reputation. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Broughton and W. B. Ogilvie, and received a cordial welcome from the W.M., W. Bro. Collier. One candidate was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a most impressive manner. The subordinate officers gave him perfect support in every detail. The J.W. charge was splendidly given, also the charge from the book of Con-

stitution by the S.W. The Secretary's books are well kept, and finances of the lodge in good shape. The lodge rooms are rather small for the membership, but they have started a sinking fund, and hope to have a lodge of their own in the near future. Nothing has been done by this lodge for the Semi-Centennial Fund. I regret to say that some of the members of this lodge have taken a strong stand in the past in opposition to this fund. I urged upon them the claims of this fund to their generosity and support. I do hope and trust that Simcoe Lodge, the oldest in this district, will yet come to view the matter in a different light. The honor and pleasure was assigned to me of presenting to W. Bro. Green and W. Bro. Evans, Past Masters' Jewels on behalf of the lodge.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg, was visited on the 13th of February, 1908. I was met at the train, it being about two hours late, by V.W. Bro. Dickinson, of Thornbury, and accompanied over to Clarksburg. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by R.W. Bros. Dr. Kent and Chas. Pye, and cordially received by W. Bro. Smith, W.M. I was very much taken by the appearance of this lodge. It is commodious and comfortable and well-fitted throughout. The walls are adorned with a number of pictures of Grand Lodge officers. W. Bro. Smith passed two candidates to the Fellowcraft degree most creditably, showing a perfect knowledge of the work, well assisted by his officers. V.W. Bro. Dickinson, the efficient secretary, is a guarantee that the books are well kept, and finances in good shape. After a nice supper a very pleasant social hour was spent, bringing to a close a pleasant, and I trust a profitable evening.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: I visited this lodge on February 14th. I was met at the depot by V.W. Bro. Clark, W. Bro. Jordan, W.M., and Bro. Geo. Hare, S.W., and escorted to the hotel, and was entertained by these brethren during the afternoon. I was introduced to the W.M. officers and brethren of the lodge by V.W. Bro. Clark and W. Bro. Sparling, and received a warm welcome. The attendance at the meeting was large, a good number of past masters being present, who took an active interest in the work. The work of the evening was the passing of three E.A.'s to

the Fellowship degree by the W.M., W. Bro. Jordan, assisted by V.W. Bro. Clark and W. Bro. Cornell. In a lodge so alive, united and enthusiastic it is needless to say that the work was well done in every respect. The sad news of the death on that day of an old respected past master of the lodge, W. Bro. Hare, was very much regretted. The lodge is beautifully equipped, and there is an air of neatness about the premises that at once impresses the visitor. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. I found the lodge dues satisfactory, and the books in good form by the efficient secretary, V.W. Bro. Clark. A pleasant hour was spent after the meeting in speeches and songs.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene : This lodge was visited on the evening of March 5th at the regular meeting. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by W. Bros. Wright and Robinson, and was hospitably received and entertained. There was a large turnout of the brethren. The work of the evening was a passing and a raising. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Gilmour, W.M., the third by W. Bro. Leatherdale, I.P.M. The work in both degrees was done in an able and impressive manner, ably supported by the officers of the lodge. Judging from the work, I feel satisfied that the best interests of the lodge are in good hands. W. Bro. Hewson being secretary is a sufficient guarantee that the books and correspondence of the lodge are being handled in the most careful and efficient manner. This lodge is one of the few who have paid their full share of the Semi-Centennial Fund. After closing the lodge, the brethren sat down to a nice lunch, which was enjoyed by all present, after which the usual toasts were given and responded to. Some splendid songs were rendered. Singing of God Save the King brought to a close a happy evening.

Coronation Lodge, No. 446, Elmvale : I visited this lodge on the evening of March 6th, 1908, under trying circumstances. I was snowed in at Penetang, as far as the railway was concerned ; so I hired a conveyance and drove a distance of 18 miles against a terrible wind that would almost blow the horse off the road. I left Penetang at 5 o'clock and arrived at Elmvale at 8.30, and found the brethren awaiting me in the lodge room. I was introduced to the W.M., W. Bro. McGuire and

members by Bro. Ellis and was enthusiastically received. There was a good attendance considering the bad roads. One brother was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason, and I am sure, from the impressive manner the work was given, that it will make a lasting impression on the brother. All the work of the officers was highly creditable to themselves and to the lodge. Although this is one of the youngest lodges in the district, it is noted for the excellence of its work. This lodge is a little behind with the Semi-Centennial Fund, but has made good promises. The books of the secretary, Bro. Thompson, are well kept. After the lodge was closed refreshments were served, W. Bro. Sneath presiding, when some speeches and songs took place. Singing of Auld Lang Syne ended a pleasant evening.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton: I visited this lodge on the 16th of March, 1908, when there was a good attendance of the members, also visitors from Alliston, Cookstown, Tottenham, and Aurora. I received a very cordial welcome from the W.M. and brethren. One candidate was initiated in a most satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Cherry, W. M., who was well supported by his efficient staff of officers. The lodge was open and closed in the several degrees. The Semi-Centennial Fund has not received the support that it should from this enterprising lodge. I explained some of the grand features of this fund to the best of my ability, after which a number of the brethren and past masters of the lodge spoke in favor of the worthy object, and have promised to take hold and see that this fund will be paid. Some of the changes in the work this lodge did not have. I called their attention to this, which caused a little discussion. W. Bro. Goldsmith is quite a critic, and says that every new district deputy that comes has some new rulings. However, discussions of this kind, I think, are a benefit to a lodge. After the meeting was over a short time of social chat and some speeches in the banquet room brought to a close a pleasant evening.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cooktown: I officially visited this lodge on the 17th of March, St. Patrick's Day. There was a fair attendance considering the bad roads. A good number of the members live out in the country. The W.M. W. Bro. Griffith and his officers conferred the first degree on an exceptionally bright

candidate, Mr. Wm. McKay, who will be quite an acquisition to the craft. The work was generally well done, some slight errors, to which I called the attention of the officers and suggested some improvements, which I think will be carried out. The rendering of the Junior Warden's charge was extra well given, and the J.W. received my congratulations. Visitors from Beeton and Alliston were present. The books and finances are in good shape. This lodge claims to have paid up the Semi-Centennial Fund in full. I differed with them, as the report I got from the secretary of Grand Lodge show that they still owe a good balance. After the lodge was closed a banquet was held in Bro. Leadley's hotel, and would have been a credit to some city hotel. Singing of God Save the King closed a very enjoyable evening.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston, was visited on the 18th of March, 1908. I was met at the train by W. Bro. Ellis. The attendance at the lodge in the evening was very good, over fifty being present. W. Bro. McCluskey, W.M., conferred a first degree in a creditable manner. The officers are well up in the work, and performed their several portions of the ceremony in good style. There were several visitors from Beeton and Cookstown present, including the W. Master of both lodges, also W. Bro. Taylor, of Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora. The lodge books are well kept, and finances exceptionally good. They own their own building and their lodge rooms are nicely furnished and convenient, which speaks well for the Masons in such a small town. I must say I was disappointed at this prosperous lodge not having its Semi-Centennial Fund paid up. I expect the addresses of some of the visitors, especially the remarks from W. Bro. Taylor, have made such impression on the members of Seven Star Lodge that we can look for good results in the near future. A nice lunch was given in their commodious banquet hall, after which some brief speeches brought to a close an exceptionally pleasant evening.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner: I made my official visit on the night of Tuesday, March 24th, 1908. This being my own lodge, from my frequent attendance at the meetings, I can vouch for the standard of the work. Although I have seen the work done better by

the officers than on the night of my official visit, possibly the presence of so many prominent brother Masons as visitors caused the officers to be a little nervous, which happens on many occasions. I was pleased to have with us R.W. Bro. Cowan, of Corinthian Lodge, Barrie; W. Bro. Cobourn, I.P.M., of Northern Light, Stayner; Bro. Micks, S.D., of Zeta Lodge, Toronto; and Rev. Bro. Mr. McDermid, of Warren Lodge, Fingal, and many other visitors. The work of the evening was a second and third degree. W. Bro. Doner, W.M., was assisted by R.W. Bro. Cowan and W. Bro. Cobourn. The S. W. gave his charge on the tracing board in a highly creditable manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. This lodge has done nothing as yet for the Semi-Centennial Fund, but I can assure Grand Lodge that the half of our amount or more will be paid before next 15th of July. The brethren would have paid the whole amount this year, but a considerable amount of money was spent in beautifying and fixing up their lodge rooms. At the close a very enjoyable banquet was held, when some good addresses were made, interspersed with songs and stories.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood: I visited this prosperous lodge on the 1st April, and found their spacious and beautiful lodge rooms the largest in the district, well furnished and extra well lighted, well filled by a large attendance of members, including many past masters. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by R.W. Bro. Toner, and was warmly welcomed and royally entertained. The J. W. was absent owing to sickness, his office being filled by W. Bro. Hughes. Also the Secretary was absent, his place being filled by W. Bro. Gregory. I was more than pleased to meet R.W. Bros. Nettleton, Toner and Dr. Aylesworth, P.D.D.G. M.'s present at this meeting. The work of the first degree was performed by W. Bro. Gilpin, the W.M., and his officers in a faultless manner, and I congratulate the officers on the excellency of the work done. The lecture on the tracing board was given by the S.W. Bro. Stephenson in a manner seldom surpassed. The charge from the book of constitution was well rendered by W. Bro. Roe. I am sorry to say that this lodge, one of the largest in the district, has done nothing as yet for the S. C. Fund, but, on its objects being fully explained,

the members promised that they would not be wanting in this duty. The usual banquet was held in their magnificent banquet room, when speeches and songs marked the close of a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: I visited this lodge on the evening of April 2nd. I was met at the train by R.W. Bro. Cowan and escorted to my hotel. This meeting was marked by a very large attendance. This lodge is the Masonic home of R. W. Bro. Cowan and other P.D.D.G.M.'s, and a large number of able P.M.'s, so that it is never allowed to fall behind in regard to accurate and impressive work. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by R.W. Bro. Fletcher, and received a warm welcome. The work presented was a first and second degree. The first was conferred by W. Bro. Shrubsole, P.M., W. Bro. Manuel, W.M., and his enthusiastic staff of officers gave the second degree seldom, if ever, excelled, and it was a great pleasure indeed for me to justly compliment this progressive lodge on the manner in which they do everything in connection with the workings of this thriving lodge, all the officers performing their duties in a faultless manner. Among the distinguished brethren present were R.W. Bro. Cowan, R.W. Bro. Fletcher, R.W. Bro. Monkman, and V.W. Bro. Hallett. The lodge's finances are in good shape, and future prospects good. Lodge books are well kept by W. Bro. Wilkes, who is a willing and tireless worker for the fraternity. This is one of the lodges which claims that charity is the fundamental principle of Masonry, and has paid its full share of the S. C. Fund. A banquet was held at the close, when a pleasant hour was spent and a number of good speeches made. Auld Lang Syne ended a very pleasant fraternal visit.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: This lodge was visited at their regular meeting on Friday, April 3rd. Here I had a very enjoyable visit indeed. The ceremony of introduction was performed by W. Bro. Alport and R.W. Wakefield, and was received with grand honors. The attendance was large, and the interest shown of a decided character. I regretted the absence of the secretary, Bro. Fowlie, he being dangerously ill, his position being ably filled by Bro. McNabb. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, which were

correctly done. The lodge room has been greatly improved and fitted up, and is now one of the most handsomely appointed in the district. The first degree was to have been conferred, but the candidate failed to put in an appearance. The work was, however, exemplified for me. The W. Master, W. Bro. Grant, is a thorough workman, and acquitted himself in a very creditable manner, all the officers doing their work as nearly perfect as possible. The lecture by J.W. Bro. Parsons I never heard given better. The charge from the book of constitution was given by W. Bro. Calverley, and could not be excelled. Among those who assisted in the musical portion of the programme were R. W. Bro. Wakefield, Bros. Kern, Alport, and Prof. Sherman. This lodge is known for the generosity of its entertainments, and the banquet which completed the evening was most elaborate. Auld Lang Syne brought to a close one of the most enjoyable nights of my visits.

Nitetic Lodge, No. 444, Creemore: I made my official visit to this lodge on Monday, 20th of April. I was accompanied by fifteen of the brethren from Stayner, including all the officers of Northern Light, No. 266. A large attendance was present. I was introduced to the W.M. and brethren by W. Bros. Dr. Niddrie and J. Hood. The proceedings were conducted by the W.M., W. Bro. Cooper and his staff in a manner which received my warm commendation. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and I was much impressed with attention to detail and accuracy. A first degree was conferred on a bright candidate by the W.M. and his officers. This work was most impressive, and almost without error. The rendering of the Tracing Board Lecture by the J.W., Bro. Lawrence, was admirable. The lodge premises are most complete and modern, the appointments being arranged with great taste. Many of the members are old personal friends of my own, and this reunion with them added much to the pleasure of my visit. I addressed the lodge at some length on the S. C. Fund, of which they have not paid one cent as yet to this noble cause, but the W.M. and officers promised me that they would pay half the amount this year when sending in their next report. The brethren have a cheery meeting place, and the uniform progress which they have enjoyed hitherto is

bound to continue under the excellent guidance of W. Bro. Hood, W. Bro. Dr. Niddrie, W. Bro. Earl, W. Bro. Brown, and W. Bro. Lawrence. After the lodge closed the members sat down to an elegant spread at the Matchet Hotel, and nothing lacked to satisfy the inner man. Toasts, speeches, and songs passed away a few social hours.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk, was visited on the 11th of May at their regular meeting. The lodge room is very commodious and nicely furnished. There was only a fair attendance. I regret to say that harmony and goodwill does not appear to exist in this lodge as it should. Not a candidate has been initiated, although good petitions have been presented during the past year. This is to be very much regretted by all who are acquainted with what has always been considered a lodge doing good Masonic work, but I trust that the little petty feeling will disappear, and the dark clouds of discord and trouble may roll away never to overshadow this lodge again. A third degree was given and the work was well done by W. Bro. Armstrong and his officers, taking all things into consideration. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in good form. The Secretary's books are well kept, but the Treasurer not being present I did not see his books. Many thanks to W. Bro. Van Dusen for his kindness in connection with my visit. The banquet was held in the McCullough House, and was one of the best. Mr. Doyle, the proprietor, deserves credit for the excellent spread. A number of speeches and singing God Save the King ended a very pleasant evening.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne: I made my official visit to this lodge at an emergent meeting called by the W.M. for my convenience on the night of May the 12th. The attendance was large, many visitors being present. I was introduced by W. Bros. Campbell and Brown, W. Bro. White, W.M., and his excellent staff of officers exemplifying the first degree in a charming manner. The rendering showed much spirit and impressiveness. W. Bro. White is a man of energy and enthusiasm. He is ably seconded by his senior warden. The charge by the Junior Warden was well rendered. This lodge has made marked progress during the past year. W. Bro. Mills is a painstaking and accurate

Secretary, the financial standing growing strong; dues well paid. This lodge has a well furnished and comfortable home. While much good work has been done in this lodge, it has not as yet done its part for the S.C. Fund. After the remarks of some of the brethren, I am sure this lodge will not lack in this worthy object. The banquet is a special feature of this lodge, and was held at the Mansion House, which reflects credit on the proprietor. I heard it whispered from some of the visitors that it was the best they had attended in Toronto or out, and was marked by appropriate speeches and songs of a high order.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, and North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound, were visited on the 13th of May at a joint meeting, being held for my convenience. I was introduced by the W.M. and brethren by V.W. Bro. Miller and W. Bro. Dr. Cameron, and was welcomed by a large and enthusiastic gathering. It was St. George's regular meeting, and after the routine business had been transacted a well-prepared candidate was passed. The ceremony of the degree was performed by W. Bro. Thompson, W.M., and his able staff, to my complete satisfaction. W. Bro. McKay, the W.M. and the officers of North Star Lodge, resumed the chairs and conferred a third degree. The ceremony was accurately and impressively rendered. After work was done, remarks were called for on character of work. I could not say anything but to compliment both lodges on the perfect way the work was performed. There is no need of any D.D.G.M. going to Owen Sound while R.W. Bro. Wright and the Past Masters keep such a fatherly eye over the lodges only to meet the brethren and get acquainted with as fine a lot of brethren as there is in any place. I consider St. George's and North Star model lodges. The books of both lodges are well kept in a neat and orderly manner. The premises are beautifully and completely equipped with a full range of quarter-cut oak furniture. The next day I was entertained by R.W. Bro. Wright, was driven around the town and shown the many points of interest. A fine banquet was held at the close in the large dining hall of the lodge, when some good addresses were given by R.W. Bros. McLaughlin, McKnight, Wright, the

Masters of the lodges and others. Singing Auld Lang Syne brought to a close a profitable evening.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton: I made my official visit to this lodge at their regular meeting on the evening of May 15th. A good representation of members were present. I was introduced by W. Bros. Wright and Bellamy, and was heartily received. A second degree was conferred on a bright candidate. The work was perfectly done by W. Bro. Armstrong, W.M., and the different officers. The floor work was all that could be desired. W. Bro. Armstrong is an able presiding officer, full of energy and zeal, and of good address. The lodge room is commodious and nicely furnished. The Secretary's books and Treasurer's are neat and well kept; dues well paid up. I had the pleasure of calling and spending an hour with W. Bro. Blackburn, who has been an invalid for the past 18 years. This brother never fails to mention and talk about the loving kindness he has and is receiving from his brother Masons in Flesherton. After the lodge closed, the brethren sat down to a bounteous repast in a room adjoining the lodge, and the ladies who prepared the supper deserved the hearty vote of thanks which was tendered them. A pleasant social hour ended a very enjoyable evening.

Tottenham Lodge, No. 46, Tottenham: Tottenham was visited on May 18th, 1908. I was met at the train by W. Bro. Potter. I was introduced to the brethren by W. Bro. McCabe and was royally received. A large number of the brethren were present, including many visitors from Beeton and Cookstown. The lodge room is centrally located, and is very prettily arranged. The W.M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Potter, W.M., who, with his officers, certainly merited the highest possible praise for the impressive way in which the work was done. The charge by the S.W. was well given. Although this is one of the youngest lodges in the district, its prospects look bright, and the officers capable and enthusiastic. The lodge has only paid a small share to the S. C. Fund as yet, but I think from the stirring up they got on the night of my visit will have a good effect. I am much indebted to Bro. Hoskins for throwing open for my convenience and use his

fine parlors while in Tottenham. A banquet after the work brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud: I visited this prosperous lodge on the 19th of May. This lodge is situated in a farming community, and is composed of tillers of the soil. I was surprised at the large attendance to welcome me. I was introduced to the master, officers and brethren by W. Bros. Green and Bro. Black, and was received right royally. The county council was in session in Barrie, and a number of the Bro. County Councillors drove over to pay a fraternal visit. I am much indebted to Bro. M. Wedd, Senior Warden of Kerr Lodge, Barrie, for accompanying me over to Stroud. The lodge room is a little ancient, but I trust the brethren will before long procure a more modern hall. The work was a passing, and the candidate, a young man who works for a farmer in that locality. I think I ought to say that I have never seen his superior. He answered accurately, and without prompting every question put to him both by the W. M. and the Wardens repeated the obligation of the previous degree with perfect accuracy, and evidently paid the closest attention to and appreciated every word of the ceremonial. The work of W. Bro. Leonard, W.M., and his officers could not have been much improved upon. The books are nicely kept by Bro. Black, the Secretary. This lodge is a little behind with the S. C. Fund, but will not be long in that condition. The banquet was served by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church. No better or more pleasant hour could have been experienced than with the Minerva brethren.

In conclusion, I have only to say that my constant aim has been to fulfil the duties of my high office to the utmost of my ability. Wherein I have failed, it has not been from lack of good intention. While the work has at times been very hard, and done at no little personal sacrifice, yet it has been such as I shall always look back to with a great deal of pleasure and with a knowledge that I, myself at least, have been greatly benefitted through my personal contact with the brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. W. BETHUNE, D.D.G.M.,

Georgian District, No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Degree's			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.									Total.											
79	Simcoe	Bradford.....	78	5	4	7	7	1	2	4	...	...	...	...	10	1	11	62	...	6	\$ 25 00	June, 1908	Al	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
88	St. George ..	Owen Sound.....	153	13	2	13	12	11	...	1	...	...	...	1	14	5	19	25	\$60 00	47	221 00 Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 800 00	
90	Manito	Collingwood.....	187	16	5	15	20	14	1	...	4	...	...	1	12	9	21	25	50 00	30	150 00 Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
96	Corinthian ..	Barrie	190	13	17	14	11	1	...	3	2	...	...	1	12	8	20	33	20 00	38	313 75 Jan., 1908	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
97	Pythagoras ..	Meaford	119	6	7	4	1	7	2	...	3	...	...	3	4	14	6	20	75 00	3	20 00 June, 1907	Good	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
137	Orrilla.....	Orrilla.....	173	...	1	11	17	19	3	4	1	...	...	1	11	7	18	41	...	63	512 00 June, 1908	Good	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
192	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	103	3	6	2	3	3	1	...	2	...	...	2	4	10	3	13	20 00	15	210 00 June, 1907	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
230	Reaver.....	Clarkburg.....	78	5	4	5	3	5	...	2	1	...	...	1	12	1	13	19	20 00	3	15 00 Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
234	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	67	10	11	12	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	14	2	16	17	5 00	...	...	Good	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
336	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	67	10	11	12	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	14	2	16	17	5 00	...	...	Good	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
349	Caledonia.....	Midland.....	145	8	12	10	8	...	...	1	3	4	...	1	11	3	14	30	25 00	...	...	Good	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00	
357	N'tn Light ..	Stayner.....	34	2	2	2	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	10	2	12	13	...	...	...	June 24, '08	Good	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00	
366	Seven Star ..	Alliston.....	82	5	2	3	4	2	...	2	...	...	...	13	2	15	15	8 00	...	...	June 24, '08	Good	Fair	Fair	Yes	...	
385	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	78	3	5	5	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	14	3	17	24	10 00	13	30 00 Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Good	Yes	200 00		
392	North Star ..	Owen Sound.....	173	14	12	12	12	5	...	5	1	...	...	15	8	23	32	50 00	35	389 20 June, 1908	Good	Good	Good	Yes	600 00		
393	Pr. Arthur ..	Flesherton.....	57	6	2	6	3	6	...	6	1	...	...	2	10	12	15	80 00	12	95 00 June, 1908	Good	Good	Good	Yes	250 00		
394	Georgian.....	Penetang.....	77	1	7	5	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	13	2	15	25	160 00	4	30 00 June, 1908	Good	Good	Good	Yes	900 00		
397	Lorne.....	Shelburne.....	75	7	9	4	7	2	...	4	...	...	...	12	5	17	20	30 00	9	46 00 Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Good	Yes	500 00		
404	Spry.....	Beeton.....	73	11	4	10	9	8	...	4	...	...	...	14	3	17	28	...	...	...	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
414	Nitetic.....	Creemore.....	62	...	3	2	5	...	...	4	...	...	...	12	1	14	15	...	...	...	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	39	1	2	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	12	1	13	12	10 00	...	...	Dec., 1907	Good	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00	
466	Coronation ..	Elmhurst.....	60	3	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	12	2	14	...	...	...	...	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Good	Yes	...	
467	Tottenham ..	Tottenham.....	47	6	...	6	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	10	2	12	15	...	...	...	June, 1907	Good	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
470	Victoria.....	Victor Harbor.....	79	14	14	15	12	1	...	2	...	...	...	12	3	15	25	10 00	11	41 00 June, 1907	Good	Good	Good	Yes	350 00		

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for Niagara District, No. 10, for the year ending June 24th, 1908.

The financial standing of the various lodges is good, the lodge rooms are well furnished and comfortable, the minutes and records are neatly and uniformly well kept, while the officers are endeavoring to the very best of their ability to render the beautiful ritual of our grand Order in the only way that it should be rendered, namely, accurately and impressively, and, I am happy to say, are succeeding admirably. But most important to mention, the brethren seem to realize that not every one may be admitted members of the craft, but only those of sterling integrity and of good report; those who can take in and will appreciate the faultless precious jewels contained in the Masonic casket, and practice the lessons Masonry teaches.

I am also delighted to be able to tell you that, best of all, harmony and goodwill prevail throughout the district. Only one or two instances have I discovered to mar this pervading spirit, but those instances were trivial, and, ere this, I trust, have healed themselves.

I intended holding at least two Lodges of Instruction during my term of office, but instead encouraged the frequent interchange of visits between lodges with success and good results. I believe, because, if there is anything more than another that serves to secure uniformity of, and accuracy in, the work and promote goodwill, it is such visits.

I also pointed out the necessity of subscribing to a Canadian Masonic Journal if we wished to be enlightened, well informed, Masons, at least as to what the Craft is doing and accomplishing elsewhere, and, if we

wished for new ideas, so that we might not be "isolated" Masons, but rather "universal" Masons. A Masonic Journal is as necessary to a Mason as the daily paper is to the everyday man. I trust the Masons of this district will be reading Masons.

I have also emphasized the importance and grand object of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and my earnest hope is that the Brethren will not forget the matter, but keep it ever before them and rise to the occasion, that Grand Lodge may be able to relieve the widow, and give bread to the children.

I regret to say that about 13 members of the Craft in the district have been called from among us, but as true Masons we will ever cherish their memory in our hearts. They have but preceded us to the Grand Lodge above.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake: On the 12th July, 1908, I visited this the oldest lodge in Canada, located in this old historic military spot. Wor. Bro. Brown, W.M., and the officers worked the third degree in the way I expected of them—for I had visited there before—splendidly. A goodly number was present, about 30, and the banquet which followed with speeches and song was all that could be desired. The lodge room—the old military barracks—and the old charter on the wall, are interesting to the visitor and carry one's mind back to the early days.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby: On the 23rd November, 1908, I visited this, another of the oldest lodges in Canada and earliest settled spots. This was one of the most largely attended meetings in the district, over 70 being present, including what is very noteworthy some 17 Pastmasters. The first and third degrees were faultlessly exemplified by Wor. Bro. Pettit, W.M., and officers, assisted by all the Pastmasters at different points in the ceremony, and, with music added, the whole was very impressive. A splendid banquet and speeches brought the pleasant evening to a close. I had the pleasure here of meeting with Rt. Wor. Bro. Drope, P.D.D.G.M. and a member of the lodge. This lodge, however, suffered recently a severe loss in the decease of its W. Master Wor. Bro. Pettit.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines: I visited this lodge on the 14th April, 1908. The attendance was

large, about fifty-five, among whom were visitors from Thorold, Niagara Falls, and sister lodges of St. Catharines. The first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Riddell, W. M., and officers splendidly. The work and music made the ceremony all that could be desired. The lodge is to be congratulated upon having a fine musical quartette. A sumptuous repast followed with speeches and song.

Amity Lodge, No. 35, Dunnville: I visited this lodge on the 19th Feb., 1908. There was only a fair attendance of about thirty, owing, however, to a severe snowstorm which raged all day and night, and to much sickness among the members. I was disappointed, because I had heard of the zeal and efficiency in the art of the brethren of this locality. The second degree was fairly well done, but I must make every due allowance for the reasons above mentioned, and because the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Witton, was handicapped by the unavoidable absence of some of the officers. After work, refreshments were served and ideas exchanged. I spent a pleasant evening indeed, here.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: I visited this lodge on the 20th February, 1908. There was a large attendance of 60, including a number of the brethren from York and Hagersville. The second degree was splendidly worked by Wor. Bro. Baxter, W.M., and his officers, while the third degree was equally well done by Wor. Bro. Martindale, W.M., of Enniskillen Lodge, York, and his officers. An elaborate banquet followed with many speeches of a high order. I had the pleasure here of meeting P. D. D. G. M. R. W. Bro. Hoshal, a member of the lodge, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Ross, P.D.D. G. M. of Wilson District.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines: I visited this lodge on the 30th April, 1908. This was also one of the most largely attended meetings I attended. A number of the brethren came down from Niagara Falls and Thorold. The first degree was exceedingly well rendered by Wor. Bro. Varey, W.M., and officers. The St. George's quartette again acquitted themselves, and added immensely to the ceremony. I had the pleasure of meeting my immediate predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Leubsdorf, a member of this lodge. The banquet which followed was but another evidence of the pros-

perity of Maple Leaf Lodge. Speeches and music added very much to the pleasure of the evening.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls: There was a good attendance of about fifty, including brethren from Chippawa. Wor. Bro. Didemus, W.M., opened and closed the lodge, but as per arrangement with Wor. Bro. Lennox, W.M., and officers of King Edward VII., Chippawa worked the first degree, and they did so in a very creditable manner, indeed. The "fourth degree" was the usual bounteous repast furnished on such occasions by St. Mark's. Some nice speeches were delivered. It is needless to say that Wor. Bro. Didemus and officers performed their work of the evening as well as anyone could wish for, and that the evening was a most pleasant one.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville: I visited this lodge on the 27th March, 1908. There was a good attendance, some thirty, considering the inclemency of the night. W. Bro. Fairbrother, W. M., and officers worked the second degree in a fine manner. The speeches at the elaborate banquet which followed were an oratorical treat in the true sense of the word. Nowhere, I believe, did I receive such a warm reception, for even the bees turned out to do homage.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland: I visited this lodge on the 16th March, 1908. Naturally, next to my mother lodge, I looked forward to this visit. I was pleased to find a large attendance of about 45. The third degree was worked by W. Bro. McNiece, W. M., and officers, in a very fine manner. Refreshments were served after work, when the brethren adjourned again to the lodge room to listen to some nice speeches and first-class singing.

McNab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne: I visited this lodge on the 17th March, 1908. There was a good attendance of about 30. W. Bro. Rev. Smith, W. M., and officers worked the first degree in highly commendable manner. Refreshments were served after work and very interesting speeches made. The lodge is progressing very nicely.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York: I visited this lodge on the 17th Feb., 1908. About 20 members of the lodge were present (a good attendance, considering the total membership is only 26), and about 15 brethren from

Cayuga and Hagersville. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees by W. Bro. Martindale and officers, and the third degree was worked by W. Bro. Baxter, W. M., and officers of St. John's Lodge, Cayuga. Both acquitted themselves remarkably well. Refreshments were served after work. The brethren of York are a faithful band of Masons, full of zeal, and firmly bound in the bonds of brotherly love, relief and truth. The membership will grow in due course.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold : I visited this lodge on the 15th January, 1908. This was one of the most largely attended meetings, about 70 being present, including a number from Niagara Falls and St. Catharines. The first degree was perfectly put on by the W. M. and officers. The quartette from St. George's, St. Catharines, who lent their assistance, added immensely to the ceremony. An elaborate banquet was held after work. Splendid speeches and music made the evening a very enjoyable one.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls : I visited this lodge on the 5th December, 1907. There was a first-rate attendance of about 40. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Campbell, W. M., and officers in a manner for which this lodge is well known—most efficiently. A nice banquet, good speeches and music after work made the social hour very enjoyable. I also had the pleasure of installing on the evening of 24th June, 1908, the new W. M., W. Bro. Swannell, and officers of this lodge.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie : I visited this lodge on the 11th March, 1908. There was a good attendance of about 35. The third degree was worked very well by W. Bro. Scott, W. M., and officers. Refreshments were served after work.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines : I visited this lodge on the 15th May, 1908. There was a small attendance of only 20, but it was an emergent meeting, and through a misunderstanding on my part I failed to pay my visit on an earlier date, when I understand some 55 or 60 were present and an elaborate banquet had been prepared in my honor. Two second degrees were worked by W. Bro. Brown, W. M., and officers in a very fine manner. The St. George's quartette added very much again to the ceremony by their rendering of the musical part of the ritual.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville : I visited this lodge on the 12th March, 1908. There were about 30 present. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Addy, W. M., and officers in a highly commendable manner indeed. The brethren are to be congratulated upon their new lodge room and furnishings, and the zeal being exhibited in the science. A very pleasant evening was spent, not only in the lodge room but at refreshments served afterwards, when the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Macdonald, another P. D. D. G. M.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 320, Jarvis : I visited this lodge on the 14th March, 1908. There was an attendance of about 30. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Miller, W. M., and officers in an excellent manner. After work a splendid repast was provided at the hotel, where speeches and music were indulged in to the pleasure of all. I also met here R. W. Bro. Noble, a P. D. D. G. M.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson : I visited this lodge on the 14th January, 1908, and installed the officers. A number of the Welland brethren accompanied me and assisted me. There were about 30 present. Immediately after installation W. Bro. Marshall, the new W. M., conferred the first degree in a highly commendable manner. This lodge is progressing splendidly with W. Bro. Marshall in the chair, and with certain alterations and improvements made to the lodge room recently the lodge has every prospect before it. Refreshments were served at the close of the work.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport : I took advantage of the nice weather and good roads and visited this lodge on the 15th October, 1907. It was my first official visit, and a few of the Welland brethren accompanied me. There was a good attendance of about 40. W. Bro. Jas. Ross, W. M., was absent through sickness, but W. Bro. J. Stewart and the officers worked the first degree highly satisfactorily. Dufferin lodge always does good work. The usual nice banquet given by this lodge on such an occasion followed, with many good speeches.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg : I visited this lodge on the 3rd March, 1908. There was a large attendance of about 50, among whom was R. W. Bro. Harry White, P.D.D.G.M., of Toronto. The third degree

was worked, and I must say perfectly, upholding the reputation for such work this lodge has held. The banquet and speeches that followed were in keeping, and highly enjoyable. W. Bro. Kee, W. M., and officers are among the most enthusiastic of the district. I had the pleasure here too of meeting another P. D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Hurrell, a member of the lodge.

Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland : I visited this lodge on the 2nd April, 1908. There were about 35 present. I was to have made my visit on an earlier date, but I was unfortunately prevented by illness at the last moment from turning up. Upon that occasion some 50 had gathered and an elaborate banquet provided. Naturally a visit to one's mother lodge is a high source of pleasure, and I will be pardoned when I say that my visit there as D. D. G. M. afforded me the highest pleasure of all my life. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Jones, W. M., and officers in an excellent manner. Refreshments, speeches and music made the night one long to be remembered, at least in my mind.

King Edward VII. Lodge, No. 471, Chippewa : I visited this lodge on the 4th March, 1908. About 45 were present, including about 20 from St. Mark's, Niagara Falls South. W. Bro. Lennox, W. M., and officers opened and closed in the three degrees very well indeed. W. Bro. Murray, as W. M., in the absence of W. Bro. Didemus, of St. Mark's, and the officers of St. Mark's assumed the chairs and worked the third degree in a splendid manner. After work the brethren sat down to a banquet and listened to some good speeches. The night was a very enjoyable one. This, the newest lodge in the district, is progressing very nicely.

During my term I appointed Bro. T. Mains, of Copestone Lodge, No. 373, my Secretary, and Bro. Rev. A. C. MacIntosh, of Palmer Lodge, No. 372, my Chaplain.

In making the foregoing report, with respect to the different lodges, it has not been open to me to discriminate. I have found it hard to clothe each case in different language, simply because, as I remarked in the early part of my report, each and every lodge is prospering and working well, vieing with each other in doing its best, and this all with the very best of good will.

I know it will be one of your great pleasures, Most W. Sir and brethren, as it was mine, to find this to be the

case, and that it is your earnest hope, as it is mine, that this state of affairs will continue to exist.

I have appreciated the duties and responsibilities of my office, as well as the pleasures and the many kindnesses and courtesies shown me in connection therewith, and I take this opportunity again, in laying down my term of office, of thanking my brethren for the honor they did me in electing me to the position, assuring them and you, M. W. Sir, that in my declining years it will be one of my greatest joys and comforts to look back and linger upon the many pleasant evenings spent with my brethren at work and at refreshment.

In conclusion, applying to Masonry the words of that great statesman, Chatham, when he spoke of his country, "The welfare of the Order," M. W. Sir and brethren, "has ever been my dearest wish, and amid all the vicissitudes of life has afforded me the most pleasing consolation. If the all-disposing hand of Providence should prevent me contributing my poor and feeble aid in the hour of her distress my prayers shall ever be for her prosperity. Length of days be in her right hand, and in her left riches and honor. May all her ways be pleasantness and all her paths be peace."

I have the honor to be,

Yours humbly and fraternally,

G. H. PETTIT, D. D. G. M.,

Niagara District No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Niagara District, No. 10, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Membership	Mem- Degre's			E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.
						Confid	E. A.	F. C.									Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
2	Niagara	Niag. on-Lake.	100	8	4	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	13	3	16	40	220 00	71 78	June 25, '07	Good	Yes	Yes	\$ 500 01	
7	Union	Grimsby	101	1	6	2	5	3	4	2	5	3	4	4	4	2	13	5	18	23	10 00	450 00	July, 1907	Good	Yes	Yes	500 00	
15	St. George	St. Catharines	101	1	6	2	5	3	4	2	5	3	4	4	4	2	13	5	18	23	10 00	450 00	Jan., 1908	Good	Yes	Yes	500 00	
32	Anity	Dunville	112	7	8	5	4	2	5	2	4	2	5	2	2	13	3	20	58	00	17	37 51	Feb. 26, '08	Good	Yes	Yes	400 00	
35	St. John's	Cayuga	170	7	8	5	4	2	5	2	4	2	5	2	2	13	3	20	58	00	17	37 51	Feb. 26, '08	Good	Yes	Yes	300 00	
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	178	15	13	13	14	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	3	20	58	00	3	125 00	June 24, '08	Good	Yes	Yes	600 00	
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	133	13	15	9	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	3	17	28	13	50 27	71 00	Dec 27, '08	Good	Yes	Yes	1500 00	
115	Ivy	Beausville	112	8	2	8	9	8	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	12	9	21	20	.....	141 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	Yes	350 00	
168	Merritt	Welland	101	9	5	7	5	8	2	5	7	5	8	2	5	2	12	9	21	20	.....	141 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	Yes	350 00	
169	Macnab	Port Colborne	26	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	8	22	10	18 00	33 00	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Yes	Yes	200 00	
185	Emmiskiln	York	131	19	8	11	15	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	10	31	30	5 55	35 00	Dec. 27, '0	Good	Yes	Yes	700 00	
221	Mountain	Thorold	137	11	16	1	14	1	4	5	1	4	5	5	5	1	14	7	21	38	30 00	35 00	July 4, '07	Good	Yes	Yes	500 00	
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	13	13	13	6 6	42 00	Jan. 29, '08	Fair	Yes	Yes	400 00	
277	Seymour	Port Da house	77	7	10	14	8	6	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	13	6	19	20	20 00	12 12	42 00	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Yes	Yes	500 00	
296	Tempe	St. Catharines	77	7	10	14	8	6	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	13	6	19	20	20 00	12 12	42 00	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Yes	Yes	500 00	
319	Hiram	Hagersville	73	15	12	11	13	3	3	1	3	3	1	3	3	13	7	20	19	.....	9 9	35 00	Dec 31, '07	Excellent	Yes	Yes	700 00	
330	King Sol'm	Jarvis	65	2	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	3	3	12	1	13	19	.....	7 7	44 00	Dec. 27, '0	Good	Yes	Yes	600 00	
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	40	6	6	6	5	6	1	5	1	5	1	5	5	10	4	11	12	12 00	10 23	23 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	Yes	350 00	
338	Dufferin	Welland port.	89	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	2	13	15	.....	31 31	130 00	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Yes	Yes	1200 00	
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	89	7	1	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	5	19	22	25 00	1 1	41 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	Yes	400 00	
373	Copetstone	Welland	83	11	10	14	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	11	24	20	10 00	13 41	00	June 4, '08	Good	Yes	Yes	400 00	
471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa	47	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	14	25	.....	10 10	41 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Yes	Yes	50 00	

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL, SIR AND BRETHREN :

Because Masonry in Toronto District No. 11 is in a most satisfactory condition, I have pleasure in submitting to you in brief form the following report, based upon the information I have obtained from the officers of the twenty-three lodges included in our present jurisdiction and upon the results of my observation during my official visits.

The duties of the responsible position of D. D. G. M. of so important a district as No. 11 are somewhat onerous, but are so modified and lessened by the uniform courtesy, fraternal regard and unswerving loyalty of the brethren to the representative of the Grand Master that the discharge of these duties becomes a source of the most genuine pleasure.

The tabulated report attached hereto gives the statistical condition of our district in every essential detail, and compared with that of the preceding years, shows substantial progress on the whole. The true spirit of true Masonry is exemplified in a most marked degree in all the lodges, and the absence of friction, disputes, charges and investigations, indicates a growth in magnanimity and a breadth of view on the part of our membership which is but a direct result of Masonic teaching.

While I visited a number of the lodges and attended several social functions prior to the Christmas vacation, I reserved all official visits until after the New Year. The following is the order of official visits paid:

Victoria Lodge, Toronto West: Visited January 21. Condition good. Work of W. Bro. Hill and officers satisfactory.

Ashlar Lodge, 801 Yonge street, Toronto: Visited January 28, by R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson during my illness. His detailed report showed this lodge to be in fine

condition, doing most satisfactory work under W. Bro. J. A. Shaw and officers.

Occident Lodge, Bathurst street, Toronto : Visited February 19. Found this lodge enjoying new life and prosperity under the able management of an excellent staff of officers led by W. Bro. Clarkson W. James.

Alpha Lodge, Bathurst street, Toronto : Visited March 5. Strong financially and socially. A long list of loyal Past Masters behind a capable ruler in the person of W. Bro. Percy Rogers, ensures continued success for this lodge.

Wilson Lodge, Temple Building, Toronto : Visited March 17. Doing acceptable work under direction of W. Bro. Carl Lehman and an excellent staff of energetic officers.

York Lodge, Eglinton, Ont. : Visited March 20. In good condition financially and otherwise, growing in influence and popularity under the present charge of W. Bro. F. W. Goulding, ably supported by V. W. Bro. Chas. Norris, R. W. Bro. R. W. Hull and other Past Masters.

Zetland Lodge, Temple Building, Toronto : Visited March 27. The largest lodge in the district. Membership most loyal and enthusiastic in supporting W. Bro. Carleil Hall, and his officers. Conditions excellent. Work good.

Stanley Lodge, Toronto West, Ont. : Visited April 7. Found W. Bro. W. D. Thomas well skilled in handling the business and work. A prosperous and successful lodge. Under the kindly supervision of R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson this lodge is making good progress.

King Solomon, Temple Building, Toronto : Visited April 9. One of the old lodges in the district. Now in healthy condition. W. Bro. Norman Elder and a brilliant staff of bright young officers are giving it an up-lift this year.

Blackwood Lodge, Woodbridge, Ont. : Date of visit April 10. Comfortably located in its own hall, valued at \$800. Doing creditable work under W. Bro. W. R. Brown and his officers, aided by W. Bro. Jesse Smith. I. P. M.

River Park Lodge, Streetsville, Ont. : Visited April 14. Condition good. W. Bro. T. L. Kennedy, ably supported by his officers, showed marked ability in the

conduct of the business and work of the lodge. Grand Chaplain R. W. Bro. C. H. Rich was present.

Ionic Lodge, Brampton, Ont. : Date of visit April 21. Work excellent. Financial condition good. R. W. Bro. W. H. Macfadden continues to render invaluable service as secretary. Result—no outstanding dues and correct records.

Humber Lodge, Weston, Ont. : Visited April 24. W. Bro. G. H. Scott and officers exemplified second degree in very good form. Condition of lodge is good financially. Marking time this year numerically. Bro. J. K. Keefer presented satisfactory records for inspection.

Rehoboam Lodge, Temple Building, Toronto : Date May 7. Work finest in the district. Records excellent. Plenty of cash. Plenty of enthusiastic members. W. Bro. Alfred Davis is well supported by his excellent staff of officers and Past Masters.

Union Lodge, Schomberg, Ont. : Visited May 11. Well located in comfortable premises owned by the lodge. Doing good work. W. Bro. M. Brandon, W. M., officers and members enthusiastic. Prospects bright.

Vaughan Lodge, Maple, Ont. : Visited May 12. Found it in good working order, under W. Bro. Thos. H. Keys and a competent staff of officers. W. Bro. J. B. McLean has charge of the records, which are in excellent order. This lodge owns a very comfortable hall, and is in a prosperous condition.

Patterson Lodge, Thornhill, Ont. : Date of visit May 14. Condition satisfactory. Officers know work and discharge their duties well under the guidance of W. Bro. Wm. Riddell as Master, and R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis as Secretary.

Peel Lodge, Caledon East, Ont. : Visited May 15. This is a young lodge, making some progress. It should have a better lodge room. W. Bro. J. A. Proctor and officers exemplified first degree in very good form. Bro. J. W. Phillips is a careful and energetic Secretary.

Harmony Lodge, Temple Building, Toronto : Visited May 2. This is now one of the banner lodges in District 11. It is in good condition financially, and has won considerable distinction for good degree work and superior entertainment from a musical standpoint. W. Bro. A. H. Loughed is a most enthusiastic and success-

ful Master, and is well supported by his active officers and loyal Past Masters.

Mimico Lodge, Lambton Mills, Ont. : Date of visit June 9. Comfortably located in its own premises. Doing satisfactory work, making some progress under the care of W. Bro. W. Brown and a good staff of officers.

Corinthian Lodge, Toronto : Visited June 11. Found conditions satisfactory in every respect. A bright young lodge, strong financially and socially, and a credit to the craft. W. Bro. J. Stephens, assisted by W. Bro. Jackson L. Little, I. P. M., and a fine staff of officers are doing good work.

Robertson Lodge, King, Ont. : Visited on June 12. This lodge, located in one of the finest localities in York County, should have a better lodge room and make more substantial progress. The Master's work could be improved. Prospects fair.

True Blue Lodge, Bolton, Ont. : Date of visit June 19. The ruling Master, W. Bro. J. Wilson, has been absent continuously from lodge meetings on account of illness, but W. Bros. Norton and Leavens, with the other officers, have preserved the interests of the lodge and carried on the work in a satisfactory manner. True Blue Lodge owns a good hall and should do well.

In order to better discharge my duties and to obtain more direct personal knowledge about the lodges in the district, I endeavored to be present at the opening of each session so as to observe the methods of conducting the general business. The result has been most satisfactory to me, proving the fact that all Masters and Wardens, with but one or two exceptions, are bright business men as well as good Masons.

In conjunction with R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11A, two Lodges of Instruction were held during the year. These were largely attended, and the Worshipful Master and officials of Zeta, St. George and Harmony lodges placed the district in general under obligation to them for the excellence of their work and for the splendid opportunities afforded for witnessing the proper exemplification of the first, second and third degrees, respectively.

Lack of interest on the part of the membership in general in the Semi-Centennial Fund is everywhere apparent throughout the district, and I am of the opinion

that further contributions to this fund to any considerable extent will not be forthcoming unless legislation of a forceful character is enacted by the Grand Lodge making this a legal tax instead of an optional contribution and carrying with it some penalty for non-payment.

A pleasing feature of the degree work throughout the district is the entire absence of intoxicating beverages from the tables of nearly all the lodges, and the pleasure of my official visit to Zetland lodge was greatly enhanced by the passing of a resolution, by a large majority without debate, for the abolition of all spirituous and malt liquors from its festive board.

To a considerable number of enthusiastic brethren throughout the district my thanks are due for valued suggestions and information readily given, but I feel under very special obligation to W. Bro. Geo. McLeish, of Wilson Lodge, for his co-operation and aid as District Secretary ; also, to W. Bro. James Heywood, of Zetland Lodge ; W. Bro. P. H. Lee, of Tuscan Lodge ; W. Bro. H. McKinnon, of St. John's Lodge, and W. Bro. A. F. Hagerman, of St. Andrew's Lodge, for voluntary and much appreciated assistance in making my official visits more interesting and effective on the several occasions on which I was favored with their company.

District No. 11 presents a wide field for the activities of the Craft, and the present outlook for continued success and prosperity is exceedingly bright. I transmit to my successor in office a list of splendid lodges in the enjoyment of a degree of progress and harmony, which I trust will continue to prevail for many years to come.

Fraternally yours.

W. H. SHAW, D. D. G. M.,

Toronto West District No. 11.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. IIA.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is with pleasure that I send the following report as to the condition of Masonry in this district, and of my work in the office to which I had the honor of being elected for the year now ending. Before reviewing the work of the past year allow me to thank the brethren for the confidence they placed in me by electing me to this honorable and responsible position, and to express my appreciation for the kindness and courtesy shown me generally as the representative of the Grand Master throughout the district. At all times I was received and entertained as befitting the position. Being so honored, I determined that no effort on my part should be wanting to perform the duties of my office in as satisfactory a manner as circumstances and my ability would permit.

W. Bro. E. Barber, P. M. Zeta Lodge, kindly consented to act as District Secretary, and to him I am particularly indebted for much assistance. He has been most willing at all times to meet all the requirements of that position.

Knowing the unsatisfactory condition in which the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund stood in this District, and to carry out the instructions given at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, I obtained from the Inspector of Benevolence at an early date a statement showing what was expected from the brethren of each lodge and what each lodge had remitted to the Grand Secretary, together with what Grand Lodge had expended for charity in each lodge on applications for relief. In an official circular issued in August and sent to the several W. M's, I referred to this matter as follows : "I would urge you and your officers to use every effort to have the

members of your lodge, who have not already done so, complete their contribution to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund without further delay. The time given by Grand Lodge, viz., three years, for contributing to this most meritorious undertaking—the relief of distress—has just expired, yet I regret to say that the brethren of this district have only contributed on an average 88 cents per member, notwithstanding the fact that Ionic Lodge has paid more than its full complement. This, W. Sir, is a sincere cause of regret, more especially when we consider the high standing this district has and should aim to hold, and the large number of well-to-do members there are in it. Every Mason who can afford to contribute the small sum of \$3.00 asked for the relief of the distressed, should consider it not only a sacred duty but an especial privilege to assist to this extent in carrying out this benevolent project which will exist long after he has ceased to live, will speak for him when his voice is forever silent, and will continue to distribute charity for him when his hand is powerless to relieve his fellow creatures in the hour of their affliction. I would suggest as a means towards collecting this balance, that you appoint a committee composed of members who have the interest of the undertaking at heart, and have one or more of this committee interview each brother individually. I feel confident, W. Sir, a special effort will accomplish what is asked. Should any information or explanation regarding the matter be required, kindly let me know and I will see that such is given. Nothing I could tell our Grand Master would give him greater delight than to report next July that all the brethren of this district have paid their contribution in full. I feel confident it will be done. Do your best to assist,” and, in order to assist in having the plan proposed in it carried out, drafted the following letter :

January 25th, 1908...

Dear Sir and Brother :

On reviewing the list of members of _____ Lodge who are expected to subscribe to the Semi-Centennial Fund, I find that you have not yet been credited with the small amount which each member is requested to contribute. I am convinced you feel that this is a very worthy cause and that you will be glad to assist in this

good work, and I am led to believe that in the hurry and bustle of your business you have overlooked forwarding this small amount to our Secretary.

No doubt you know the object of this fund. However, you may be interested in learning to what use your money will be put, and who are likely to be benefited by it. There are at present 226 widows, 4 wives, 4 sisters, 3 mothers, 16 orphans and 65 brethren who receive financial aid from Grand Lodge. 103 of these are over 70 years of age, 34 from 70 to 74, 33 from 75 to 79, 22 from 80 to 84, 11 from 85 to 89, and 3 over 90. In almost every case the amount given by Grand Lodge is altogether inadequate for the entire support of the recipient, and in some cases the amount which is given is all that these worthy and needy brethren have to depend upon. I have taken the liberty of enclosing herewith a description of some of those to whom the interest of your small donation of \$3.00 will be given. Surely in our state of affluence you and I can spare a few dollars of our spending money to help along this good cause. "To-day we may tread on the flowery meads of prosperity, to-morrow we may totter on the uneven paths of weakness, temptation and adversity." And who knows a wife, a mother, a sister or a child of ours may some day be in need of the help which can only come from the interest on this Semi-Centennial Fund.

I hope, therefore, that you will see your way clear to forward to me or to our Secretary, Bro. the small amount of \$3.00 which you are asked to contribute. Send \$5.00, yes \$10.00, if you can afford it. You may rest assured that the amount you contribute will be properly invested and faithfully applied to the charitable purposes of Grand Lodge, and you will not only experience the joy of providing for the needy, but you will also carry out your promise to "practice that virtue which you once professed to admire."

Do it now before you forget.

Yours fraternally,

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W. M.

and sent it to the W. M's of such lodges as I deemed advisable, requesting it to be filled in and signed, and that it, or one of a similar nature, together with the descrip-

tion of some of the cases relieved by Grand Lodge, which I sent with it, be sent to each member who had not contributed, and that this be followed up by the W. M. appointing a committee of members having the interest of the undertaking at heart and have each member of that committee undertake personally to see a certain number to whom the letter had been sent until all had been interviewed and the matter explained to and understood by them. Where this has been faithfully carried out the results have been most beneficial. At the time of writing \$1,210.54 have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary for the fund from this district since last July that I have heard of, making altogether about \$4,200.00. I had the pleasure of visiting with the M. W. the Grand Master on several occasions in Toronto, and his eloquent remarks materially assisted in accomplishing this result. On almost all my visits I have spoken on this matter and have endeavored in every way to have the brethren take an active interest in this most meritorious project. I would strongly recommend my successor to continue the good work for another year, and hope the fund will be kept open, when, I am satisfied, the district will have contributed the full quota expected. When referring to the subject of benevolence, I also desire to state that, outside of the above fund, the individual lodges are not unmindful of particular cases of relief among their own members, and from knowledge gained from perusing past reports, and from information gathered, I know of no time when the brethren were more ready to respond to the call for relief, when the facts are properly presented, than the present. May this continue, as of all the tenets of the Craft none, in my view, stamp the progress of Masonry better than that of Relief.

Realizing the value of Lodges of Instruction as a means of clearing away irregularities, and of securing a standard of uniformity in our work, I arranged with R. W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, D.D.G.M. Toronto West District, early in our term to co-operate in this work. We decided to hold two separate meetings or lodges in the City of Toronto as the place most accessible for all parts of both districts, and to give plenty of time for both exemplification and discussion, and that lodges in each district be asked to participate. That the evenings might be as profitable as possible to all, I endeavored to post myself

on doubtful points by previously discussing them with the late Grand Secretary. The first lodge was held on the 29th of October in the Masonic rooms in Occident Hall, corner of Queen and Bathurst streets, when the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. J. G. Cane, W. M., and the officers of Zeta Lodge, and the second degree by W. Bro. A. G. Saunders, W. M., and officers of St. George Lodge. The work of both degrees was exemplified in full, with musical accompaniment, and was exceedingly well done. The second lodge was held on the 29th November in the Masonic rooms in the Temple Building, when the sublime degree was exemplified in a highly creditable manner, also with music, by W. Bro. A. F. Sprout, W. M., and the officers of Harmony lodge. The method of conducting a Board of Trial was also ably shown at this meeting by V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, who, on the spur of the moment, was called on, and, without having time for preparation, the brother who was expected to perform this having been suddenly called away. At each of these meetings there were fully 300 present, almost every lodge in the two districts being represented. The news of the sudden death the day previous of our late Grand Secretary, however, saddened the hearts of those present at this latter meeting, and prior to entering on the work it was unanimously desired that a resolution expressive of their deep sorrow be sent to the family of our deceased brother, which we did. The large attendance and deep interest displayed in the proceedings was ample justification for our work, and I have no doubt that much good resulted therefrom. I would strongly advise one or more of such being held every year, and if possible, in addition to the exemplification of the work, have some well skilled brethren give short addresses or read short papers open to discussion, upon Craft symbolism and the history of our order, which it was quite apparent would be appreciated. Speaking for myself, I desire to thank the W. M's and officers of these lodges for their kindness in so willingly responding to our request, for the very creditable rendition of the work, as also for their thoughtfulness in attending to the comforts of the brethren afterwards. Besides several G. L. and past G. L. officers residing in Toronto, there were present at one or other of these meetings R. W. Bro. J. W. Bethune, D. D. G. M. of 9th district ; R. W. Bro. J. A.

V. Preston, D. D. G. M. 7th District, and R. W. Bro. P. A. Sommerville, G. J. W. In October last a suitable regalia was presented by this district to my predecessor, R. W. Bro. D. A. Radcliffe. This was duly carried out, at my request, by R. W. Bro. Fred. W. Harcourt, P. D. D. G. M., assisted by V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, P. G. J. D., on behalf of the committee appointed.

The brethren of Toronto, marshalled by W. Bro. Duncan Grigg, attended divine service on Sunday, June 21st, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, and listened to an eloquent sermon from the Rev. Bro. Derwyn T. Owen, the assistant rector, who was assisted in the beautiful service by the Rev. Dr. Pearson and the choir of the church.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

That Masonry is firmly established, and is making steady and substantial progress in this district, is beyond question. I have visited each of the twenty-one lodges, many of them twice, and some more frequently. Each and every lodge is holding regular meetings each month (except those which call off in the summer weather), and emergent meetings are quite frequent. None are what could be called weak, although the interest and energy displayed in two or three outside of the city of Toronto in the exemplification of the work could be increased with benefit to their respective lodges. A feature that immeasurably assists in the success of a lodge is the introduction of music into the ceremonies, and I would strongly recommend this to those rural lodges which have not as yet attempted it. I have invariably noticed that when the lodge is manned by well skilled and energetic officers a prosperous and a live lodge is found, while where the W. M. is careless and indifferent the lodge is the sufferer. If, before the W. M. could be installed, he must produce a certificate from some duly appointed G. L. officer that he can comply with what is required of him, instead of undergoing an examination before an installing board selected from his lodge, would, I think, be beneficial. To require this of the D. D. G. M., in addition to his other duties, might be asking too much, but if this change were made I am satisfied an improvement in our Masonic rulers each year would be seen. Many of the rural lodges own the building in which they meet,

and the investment for such made by the brethren is one of the best evidences of the love they have for the Craft. Progress in this direction is also being made by the Toronto brethren. It is to be hoped the efforts of those imbued with this desire will meet with success. It is not, in my opinion, to the credit of the Craft in this metropolitan city that their meeting places are in halls rented from some one outside the order.

The postponing of the Warden's historical lectures, and the charges of the W. M. to some future meeting is, in my opinion, becoming too frequent. In some lodges candidates are insufficiently instructed, full knowledge of even the "set" questions is not always insisted on, and the examination in the third degree is more honored in the breach than in the observance. If every candidate were thoroughly instructed, even though a less number were admitted, lodges would be establishing their future on a more solid foundation, would create in their new members a greater desire for further information, and give an impetus for more careful study and investigation in all that relates to our ancient customs and usages.

I have been pleased and favorably impressed with the efficiency of the lodge secretaries. They have shown themselves prompt in their correspondence and anxious to satisfactorily carry out their duties. The tendency is for having this important office filled with a P. M. or other well skilled brother, who would likely be permanent. Some, however, do not keep a proper record of particulars received of candidates rejected by other lodges, so that the necessary check may be kept, and evidence of the notice of rejection sent to lodges having concurrent jurisdiction is not always preserved, both of which I pointed out as very necessary. Another fact is that as much attention is not paid, as might be, to the custody and preservation of old minute books and lodge records. I advised that an inventory of such be kept by every lodge, the same as its other property, showing where they are to be found, and where any are missing that a diligent search therefor should not be delayed. There are two lodges, viz., The Beaches and Acacia, I would recommend being given concurrent jurisdiction with the Toronto lodges. Their proximity to Toronto practically brings them within the number known as city lodges.

With one exception I can confidently state that peace and harmony is prevailing in this district. As years pass on it is encouraging to note that the brethren realize that the opinion of each is entitled to consideration, and because one member of a lodge thinks different from another it is not exemplifying "brotherly love" for such other to at once say unkind things of the one who does not see "eye to eye" with him, but unselfishness, patience, and the feeling that the welfare of the lodge and the Craft is the primary object to be considered is gaining ground.

The hospitality of lodges is all that could be desired, and social intercourse between their members most cordial. The successful Master realizes that to keep the brethren, especially of a large lodge, interested, something more than the perfect exemplification of our work is required, and special functions, particularly in city lodges, are becoming more frequent. Such is to be encouraged where the expenditure is kept within the proper limit. At these gatherings, and in fact generally at our meetings, one cannot help but remark the dearth of Masonic papers open to subsequent discussion thereon, and those instructive and inspiring addresses on matters relating to the teachings and symbolism of our society that stimulates in both the young and the old a desire for further enlightenment and a closer acquaintance with those higher ideals of Masonry. The question suggests itself, are such not now appreciated, or are our Masters and Past Masters at fault? From remarks I have heard from time to time, made by brethren indicating a desire for instruction and further information, I would say it is the latter.

In perusing the annual financial statements one cannot but be struck with the small amount contributed by some lodges towards relief and benevolence compared with that spent in entertaining, more especially when you have before you the information of how poorly the appeal on behalf of the S. C. B. Fund has been answered during the past three years.

The question of dues over 12 months in arrear still continues to give some lodges considerable trouble, and it has been necessary to call attention to it on many of my visits. I have always advocated offering inducements for payment in advance, advised the W. M. and

Secretary, particularly the latter, to give the subject close attention, the same as a successful business man would give to his accounts, suggested that the W. M. bear in mind that part of his duty is to give the brethren employment in Freemasonry with a view of keeping them interested in the work and welfare of the lodge, and by so doing secure a better attendance at the meetings, and otherwise, by tact and firmness, see that arrears are not allowed to accumulate.

It was with profound sorrow the brethren heard of the sudden and unexpected death of our late Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray. His worth was recognized in this as in every other district. I was present when he was laid at rest on the 30th of November.

Several in this district have been called to their last resting place. While writing this word has come to hand of the sudden death of R. W. Bro. Harry Collins, P. D. D. G. M. of the Toronto district before it was divided. The R. W. Bro. always took an active interest in Masonic work, and his genial countenance will be missed at our gatherings. I have also heard of the following : R. W. Bro. James Bain, P. G. S. W., a member of St. Andrew's Lodge ; R. W. Bro. F. F. Manley, P. G. R., and a member of Ionic Lodge ; R. W. Bro. John H. Hetherington, P. G. R., a member of St. George's Lodge, and others whose names will appear in the proceedings to be published. Requiescant in pace.

VISITATIONS.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto : One of the pioneers of Masonry, still maintains its reputation for excellent work, and is a well conducted lodge. W. Bro. J. W. Rogers has shown himself to be a capable ruler. My first visit was on Veterans' Night and the annual P. M's reunion, when R. W. Bro. Aemilius Irving gave an interesting and inspiring address as to the work of St. Andrew's lodge and its connection with the early history of the Craft, followed by one on the history of Freemasonry in Canada by M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The Past Masters in this lodge, it is quite evident, do not intend to allow themselves to be considered back numbers, and many are able and willing to discharge the duties of any officer when required. I was also present

on the evening of the visit by St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London, when their officers exemplified the third degree. My official visit was at the regular meeting in April, when the first degree was conferred very satisfactorily. The W. M. is accurate and impressive in his work, and all officers were perfect in their respective duties. W. Bro. Pearson is a model Secretary; dues outstanding merely nominal. Prior to this year the brethren have not heartily responded to the appeal for the S.C.B. Fund, but the W. M. reports that it is now being attended to in earnest, and he hopes will be completed very soon. The generous hospitality of this lodge is well known, no one could be but pleased. In short, the lodge is a credit to the Craft. I was also present when St. Andrew's entertained the Grand Master and the members of G. L. It was no doubt the largest gathering of G. L. officers at a communication of any subordinate lodge, and the W. M. and committee deserve credit for the successful carrying out of the reception.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: I was forced to disappoint the members of this lodge, and was disappointed myself at not being able to visit them at the date first intended, namely, the regular meeting in February, but did, however, do so at their communication in May, and witnessed W. Bro. Lamon and officers give a complete and very creditable exemplification of the second degree. I offered one or two suggestions that I thought would assist in the floor work. The lodge was opened and closed in the third degree in a manner that could not but please the most exacting critic. If it could be arranged to have a musician assist I am sure it would be appreciated. Dues are in good shape, building is owned by the Craft, and is one of the best of our rural lodge rooms. R. W. Bro. Nicholls is an excellent Secretary and is a factor in the lodge's success. There was a fair attendance, with visitors from Vaughan, Toronto and other places. At the February meeting R. W. Bro. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M., was present as a visitor, to assist in doing honor to the representative of the G. M., and in my absence, at the request of the W. M., kindly undertook my duties, for which I am much indebted to him. He reports that the work presented that evening, namely, the second degree, was executed in a correct and dignified manner, and agrees with me that the lodge is in an

excellent condition. Visitors were present from Newmarket, Aurora, Thornhill and Vaughan. The members are only short a few dollars in meeting the amount expected from them for the S. C. B. Fund, which I hope will be forwarded in the near future. The P. M's take an active interest in the affairs of the lodge, and the utmost harmony appears to exist. The hospitality of the brethren is well known, and future prospects good.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto : If there is one lodge more than another in which the visit of a representative of the G. M. could be dispensed with in any one year it is Ionic, if one may judge by what I saw on the two occasions it was my privilege to visit there in an official capacity, first at its regular meeting in February, when, in addition to the work performed, the G. L. regalia was presented by the lodge to the Grand Chaplain, who was also the Chaplain of the lodge, and the second time on the 5th of May, when the initiatory ceremony was impressively rendered by W. Bro. H. M. Mowat and the regular officers. The W. M. is a capable and tactful ruler. The work of the J. W. is worthy of special mention ; I never heard better. The books and records are creditable and in keeping with the lodge. A competent Treasurer no doubt accounts for the manner in which dues are so well arranged ; there are no arrears. The tenet of relief is kept well to the foreground, not only was the appeal on behalf of the S. C. B. Fund promptly attended to when made, but the very commendable practise of passing the "charity box" among the members is carried out at every meeting, and all deserving cases calling for the exercise of those virtues, which our society teaches, are treated with that tact and promptitude that characterizes the true Masonic spirit. The attendance, though, is not as is seen in some lodges of an equal membership. This lodge has a wealth of able and distinguished P. M's, who realize their duty in looking after its welfare, and assisting the officers in extending that welcome and hospitality that I found existing on each of my visits. Financial standing good, prospects first-class.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto : My visit to this lodge was at its regular meeting in December. I was welcomed by W. Bro. Grant, whose geniality and skill is no doubt largely accountable for this lodge having another and successful year in its history. I found the

lodge room more than ordinarily decorated with plants and flowers for the occasion. Attendance 80. The first degree was exemplified, and in my subsequent remarks I congratulated the W. M. and officers on their proficiency, and the lodge on having an excellent choir. All the officers were present with the exception of the J. D., who was absent through sickness. This is another lodge that has a capable Treasurer, the arrears of dues at last financial statement being \$40.90, which have since been much reduced (the large amount charged to them in the report of my predecessor, I was told, was an error). Books of the Secretary are neatly and properly kept. I would judge, from the financial statement, that it is one of the wealthiest, if not the wealthiest, lodge in the district. There was a good attendance of P. M's present. This lodge is not deteriorating, but is progressive and active in its work. The officers assured me, in response to my appeal on behalf of the S. C. B. Fund, that it would be taken up in earnest and the members interviewed personally. I believe that this has been done with good results. A successful banquet followed, and visitors could not but be pleased with the hospitality extended. I visited this lodge again on the 4th of May at the P. M's reunion and saw a candidate initiated. The chair was taken for the evening by W. Bro. George Massey, who has been absent for 29 years, but came from New York to be present, with R. W. Bro. Bernard Saunders as I. P. M. The Wardens' chairs were filled by W. Bro. Hugh Blain and R. W. Bro. William Simpson respectively, all veterans in the Craft. It was a memorable occasion, and W. Bro. Grant is to be congratulated on the evening's success.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87 : I had the honor of having R. W. Bro. Shaw, D. D. G. M. of District No. 11, together with several other brethren, with me when I visited this lodge at its regular meeting in January. Was welcomed by W. Bro. Dark and about 50 members. The hall is the property of the lodge, and is comfortable and commodious. The second degree was conferred. The work of the W. M. was fair, that of the S. W. good, the floor work of the other members, all of whom were present, suggested a want of practice and could be improved upon, although fairly well carried out, but what was gratifying was the desire which every officer showed of being set right in any part of the work that was not

exactly accurate. I gave the charge of the W. M., as he was not prepared with it. I was particularly pleased to see that every candidate for promotion is expected to know, not only what is ordinarily required, but also the obligation previously taken. It was done this evening. The Secretary's books are creditable. Dues in arrear seem large, \$117.00. This I referred to, and requested more attention being given to them. I was told the lodge property was insured, but could not obtain particulars. In my remarks in the lodge I explained to the brethren the needs and objects of the S. C. B. Fund, and the W. M. promised he would appoint a committee and have the brethren personally seen in regard to it, and endeavor to have the balance asked for remitted in the near future. A sumptuous repast, followed by toasts and songs, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. Peace and harmony prevail. The lodge is in good financial condition, and the outlook for the future is for good work and prosperity.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Queensville : Visited this lodge on the evening of June 16th, and was welcomed by W. Bro. J. C. McFarland, the W. M. Thirty-five were present, of whom some 15 were visitors from neighboring lodges in Aurora, Newmarket and Bradford. The brethren meet in a commodious and comfortably furnished hall, which is, however, not owned by them. The first degree was exemplified, the work of the W. M. was but fair, as also in the opening and closing of the second degree. The J. W. is a bright and active worker. The work of the S. W. was satisfactory. Deacons and other officers fair. What this lodge requires is more frequent meetings of the officers for the purpose of becoming more familiar with the work, but, as the membership is scattered, and some live long distances from the hall, it has been found difficult to accomplish this. The lodge has some earnest and devoted P. M's. A heavy loss was suffered recently in the death of W. Bro. Dr. B. F. Pearson, who filled the position of Secretary so ably for some years. W. Bro. Power, however, seems to have the work well in hand as his successor, and he will no doubt give his attention to the arrears of dues, which are too large for this lodge. The S. C. B. Fund has been well received. I expect the brethren will very soon contribute the small balance required to complete the amount ex-

pected from them. Peace and harmony exist, and the prospects of the lodge are fair.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket : My official visit was made at the regular meeting in April. The evening was dull, wet, and the roads bad, but notwithstanding this I found some 40 members, including the W. M. and officers, to welcome me. The first degree was exemplified very satisfactorily by W. Bro. Morgan. He is a competent Master. The work of the officers very fair. The J. W. delivered the lecture. I assisted by giving the charge, for the same reason as above stated. R. W. Bro. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M., who introduced me on entering the lodge, makes a capable Treasurer, and the books of the Secretary show that this officer is painstaking and gives careful attention to his duties. Arrears of dues are larger than they should be in this lodge, and I urged that efforts be made to reduce such. The members have not heretofore looked with great favor on the S. C. B. Fund, but I hope and feel that good results will follow from the remarks made in the lodge room on this subject by the Inspector of Benevolence, who accompanied me on this visit. I saw no evidence of the differences referred to in the report of my predecessor, but on the contrary everything indicated good feeling and harmony. Visitors were present from Aurora and Toronto, and all enjoyed the welcome extended and the good things furnished to cheer the inner man. It was a good meeting, and the future of Tuscan lodge may be said to be bright.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora : My visit to this lodge was at the regular communication in March. The attendance was not as large as no doubt it would have been had the weather been more favorable. There were 38 members present, with some visitors from Newmarket and Toronto. I witnessed the first and third degrees conferred very satisfactorily, the former by the W. M., W. Bro. Stevenson, and the latter by Past Master Birchard. I had occasion to offer a few suggestions as to the work of the officers where some slight inaccuracies were seen, but on the whole the work of both degrees was more than fairly well done. This lodge is also blessed with a competent Secretary. Arrears of dues look somewhat large, but am satisfied they will be looked after and are well in hand. The assistance which those, looking

to the brethren of this lodge for relief, received from G. L. of late years is good and sufficient cause for the members here appreciating the benefits of the S. C. B. Fund. At the time of writing the Secretary has just written me that in a few days the balance to make up \$3.00 for each member will be forwarded to the Grand Secretary. The lodge meets in its own commodious hall, worth about \$3,000.00, with only a trifling debt scarcely worth mentioning against it, insured for \$1,700, comfortably fitted up, and has electric lighting. One of the cosiest of our rural lodge rooms. Photographs of all the P. M's since the formation of the lodge, except one which is unobtainable, decorate the walls. Several of the P. M's take a great interest in the lodge and its affairs. All work harmoniously and seem to have but one aim, the good of the lodge and the Craft. A generous hospitality is extended to visitors. I was very much pleased with this lodge on my visit. I was invited to be present on the 24th of June, and took charge of the ceremony of installation. The prospects for the new year are good.

Richardson Lodge, No. 316, Stouffville : The attendance on my visit at the regular meeting in February was 30, including some eight visitors. The weather was accountable for this, and also for the absence of the Secretary and two of the junior officers. W. Bro. L. B. Forsyth, the W. M., exemplified the first degree and opened and closed in the first and second. The work of the W. M. and officers could scarcely be called fair. He informed me he could open and close and confer the third. The J. W's lecture could have been better delivered. No member of the lodge present being familiar with the charge of the W. M., it was given by W. Bro. J. S. Lovell, who accompanied me. The books of the Secretary appear to be neatly and accurately kept. Owing to his absence I was unable to ascertain how the dues stood, or what insurance was carried. The lodge room is small, though neat and comfortable. The brethren promised to give attention to the S. C. B. Fund in answer to my remarks on it in the lodge, but it is in need of some brother who has the interest of the project at heart to take it in hand. This lodge is apparently suffering from lack of the W. M. and officers meeting more frequently with a desire to perfect themselves in their work and in the general management of the lodge, which I pointed out

on my visit. It is sound financially. I did not see any elements of discord, the brethren are hospitable and extend the glad hand to visitors, and I am in hopes that if the suggestions I made are adopted the future will be bright and hopeful.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto : My first visit to this lodge was at the election of officers, which passed off harmoniously. I addressed the brethren on the subject of the S. C. B. Fund. I was present on the night of installation, and assisted M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, who came from Montreal, to perform that ceremony. The lodge is greatly indebted to W. Bro. J. H. Horswell for his indefatigable work in the chair for the year 1907, which they suitably recognized at this meeting. My official visit was at the regular meeting in April. Attendance good at this and previous meetings. R. W. Bro. John Watson is the W. M. He and the officers worked the first degree in a fairly creditable manner, which, however, could be improved upon by a little more attention to detail. During the past year a large number has been added to the membership roll ; there were more initiated than, in my opinion, a lodge can do justice to in one year. The Secretary is a painstaking officer, his books are very satisfactory. Dues are in fair condition. The brethren are hospitable and visitors are made welcome. The future of this lodge is brighter than for some time past. The honored name that this lodge bears is no doubt a stimulus to the members to make it worthy of it. I am in hopes that the brethren will give the attention to the S. C. B. Fund it deserves, although I have seen no visible evidence of it this year. The assistance given by G. L. in late years to cases requiring relief, and recommended by the lodge, should be the best proof to them of its being a worthy project.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge : I found some 50 members present when I visited this lodge at the regular meeting in December. R. W. Bro. H. J. Gould was in charge. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. Outside of the W. M., whose work I am not able to speak of, as he was not present. I found the officers of this lodge enthusiastic and accurate workers. The books of the Secretary are exceedingly well kept and are a model of neatness. V. W. Bro. Nutting kindly offered to exemplify the third degree, but, owing to the

hour being late, and knowing that he was an accurate worker, I did not ask him to do so, but suggested that the time be taken in an address to the brethren on the S. C. B. Fund, as very few in this lodge had contributed to it. This was done by R. W. Bro. Nixon, who accompanied me, and by myself. I fear, however, our efforts were not as successful as I could wish. Some of the P. M's, and also some of the brethren, do not view this project with favor, and do not approve of the centralization of charitable work, but believe in each lodge looking after and attending wholly to its own needy and distressed, which they claim this lodge does. I hope they may never have the number of serious cases for relief that exist in some rural lodges to test their adherence to this principle. The hall in which the lodge meets is rented for ten years, with privilege of renewal, and is comfortable and suitable for their needs. There are no arrears of dues reported, no liabilities, and the financial condition is healthy. There is a good attendance of P. M's, and the prospects for the future are good. The newly elected W. M., W. Bro. Ormiston, I am confident will be a successful Master. The hospitality of the Zeredatha brethren is well known, and I can say without hesitation that a Masonic welcome is extended to visitors.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: This lodge had only been nicely settled in their new hall when I paid my official visit at their regular meeting in April. The bad condition of the roads was no doubt accountable for the small attendance of twenty members and four visitors, but, though few in number, their enthusiasm was strong and welcome most cordial. W. Bro. Patterson, the W. M., with his officers, satisfactorily exemplified the first degree, and also the second, the latter not quite so accurately. The Wardens gave their respective lectures, and I assisted by delivering the charges. I suggested to the officers that they were in need of more frequent meetings together for the purpose of perfecting themselves in their work, especially in that of the second. The long distance, however, which some have to come, makes this somewhat difficult. The W. M. assured me that he could confer the third. All the members are very enthusiastic, and I feel confident that now that they are in their new and commodious quarters this lodge will take a more prominent place among the rural lodges of this district

than it has in the past. The new building erected by them shows the earnestness of the brethren and their desire to maintain their position as part of our honorable society. They promised to take up the S. C. B. Fund in the near future, but building work has no doubt taken all their spare money of late. This lodge has an excellent Secretary, who attends to the question of dues. It is in a sound condition financially, and the future promising. A pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment table. I left the brethren of Brougham Union with a deep feeling of respect for the good work they are doing, and that the future will see a marked advancement.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto : I visited this lodge first on the 15th of November, when the third degree was exemplified. This meeting was honored by a visit from the M. W. the G. M., and also by the W. M. and about 100 members of Washington Lodge, Buffalo. The banquet subsequently was *recherche*, and no detail was omitted to make the evening pleasant and entertaining for those present. My official visit was at the regular meeting in March, their Irish night, and the attendance of members and visitors was large—about 250. The hall was tastefully decorated. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Bilger, W. M. for 1908, and his officers, assisted by the choir, in a very satisfactory and impressive manner. There could be nothing but praise to say in regard to it. The lodge has a competent Secretary, whose books are quite satisfactory. I would like to see the S. C. B. Fund receive better attention than it has in the past in this lodge. The W. M. promised that it would, and satisfactory results may be seen in the near future. The subsequent entertainment was in keeping with the occasion. Was present again at the regular meeting in June and witnessed the first degree conferred by the W. M. equally as well as the one above mentioned. Doric is a good lodge with an honorable record. Unfortunately, at present, there is a want of that harmony and brotherly love that should always dwell in a Masonic lodge, and the exercise of the black ball has been frequent of late, but the W. M. is earnestly and conscientiously endeavoring to smooth over and adjust all dissatisfaction. It has P. M's whose aid, I feel confident, will materially assist the Master and officers in strengthening its financial position and in reaching that high standing which its

numbers, energy and hospitality entitles it.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto : My first visit to this lodge was at its regular meeting in November, when the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Redford, assisted by his officers and P. M's in an accurate and very satisfactory manner. I visited it again officially at its regular meeting in March. W. Bro. Harvey Lloyd, the W. M., was in charge, and I witnessed the initiatory degree conferred in an impressive and creditable style. He is well supported by his officers, who take an active interest in their work. The Secretary is competent, and his books show it. Arrears of dues are somewhat less this year than last, but it would be better if they were still less. I urged attention being given to this, and also that the contribution to the S. C. B. Fund, expected from the members of this lodge, be completed, which the W. M. promised would be done. The lodge room is leased, but well appointed. The membership is large, the regular attendance very fair, and good feeling and harmony exists. In this, as in all prosperous lodges, the P. M's take an active interest in its affairs. The hospitality of Orient is always generous, and in no lodge that I know of do visitors feel more at home. It was a pleasant evening and the condition and prospects are encouraging.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto : This lodge has been reported upon favorably by my predecessors for some years back. It is undoubtedly a good lodge and has a competent ruler. The W. M., besides enjoying a well merited popularity, is imbued with a desire to deserve well of his lodge, and his lodge appreciates his efforts. I was present and saw W. Bro. Shaver initiate his son on October 5th in the presence of a large gathering of members and visitors. Although this was his first meeting after being installed, the work was particularly well done. My first visit of inspection at the regular meeting in February was most satisfactory. The first degree was conferred by the W. M. accurately and impressively with suitable musical accompaniment. The work of the Wardens and other officers was creditable, and the floor work executed with due attention to detail. The lodge has an efficient Secretary, and his books are neatly and accurately kept. The arrears of dues are larger than usual, but are well in hand, and the S. C. B. Fund has been energetically attended to with, I feel con-

fidant, good results. With a healthy treasury, active and increasing membership, principally young men, good average attendance, prompt and accurate attention to its business and the ceremonial work, there is little doubt but that prosperity will continue. The hall is in the central part of the city, is leased, well furnished, but outside accommodation somewhat limited. The hospitality of the brethren is in keeping with the other characteristics of the lodge. Both of my visits were most enjoyable.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington : I visited this lodge at its regular meeting in December, accompanied by several brethren from Toronto, and was heartily welcomed by the W. M. and about 60 members. An examination of the register shows good average attendance. The first degree was exemplified by the W. M. in a manner seldom excelled. The J. W. is a bright worker, and the work of the other officers fair. W. Bro. Kift fulfills the duties of Secretary in an able manner. The S. C. B. Fund has been well received by the brethren of this lodge, and the full amount asked from them, viz., \$190, I am informed, has been remitted to the Grand Secretary. Dues are not in arrear to any great extent, and lodge property is insured. This lodge is in a satisfactory condition, and is doing good work. I was royally entertained by the brethren after the lodge closed, and had abundant evidence that Brock members know how, not only to enjoy themselves, but to be hospitable to their visitors.

St. George Lodge, No. 367, Toronto : This lodge is having a prosperous year ; substantial progress is being made. It meets at present in Occident Hall, corner of Queen and Bathurst streets, occupying the rooms jointly with other lodges, but is part owner of the furniture. It is this year taking the initiatory in having the Craft in the western part of the city erect a hall of their own for Craft purposes. I was present at the installation of the W. M. and investiture of the officers by the M. W. the G. M., and assisted in the ceremony. The new W. M., W. Bro. Cannon, has shown himself an industrious and untiring Master, and the lodge is making good progress under his management. At its regular meeting in April I visited officially and witnessed the first degree conferred in a very satisfactory manner by the W. M. and officers. The musical service imparted additional interest to the ceremony. Each did his respective duty creditably, and no

inspecting officer could ask for more correct work than what was seen here. The charge was given by W. Bro. Nelson, P. M. This lodge also took part in the Lodge of Instruction held in October, and exemplified the second degree in such a manner as to silence criticism. It possesses an energetic and painstaking Secretary, whose books I found as to neatness and correctness were everything that could be desired. The large amount of dues outstanding was the only blot to be seen. I urged that efforts be made to reduce this, and also that attention be given to the S. C. B. Fund, both of which I was assured would be done. The fact appearing in the last financial statement of this lodge that \$239.68 was expended for charity in 1907 shows that this tenet is not overlooked in St. George. The brethren are kind and hospitable and every courtesy is shown to visitors. Good feeling and harmony apparently exist, and the future of the lodge is promising.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto : This lodge now meets in Occident Hall, occupying the same rooms as St. George and two other lodges. Being a charter member, I was present at the greater number of its meetings. At its regular communication on the 25th of October I was specially honored with a reception, and was greeted by a large attendance of the lodge members as well as several personal friends attached to other lodges. It was a splendid gathering, and I appreciated it. I was requested and took charge of the installation ceremony at the regular meeting in December. This lodge exemplified the first degree at the Lodge of Instruction in October in a manner creditable to itself and satisfactory to those attending. It is financially sound, and has a bright future, due in a large measure to the energy and enthusiasm of the Past Masters and members who have attached themselves to it during the past ten or twelve years and the love they have for it. During the first five years of its life it was considered one of the best worked lodges in the district, and was so reported, but the setback from the severe treatment it received shortly thereafter took time to overcome. The lodge has, however, shaken itself free from all cliques, and the future is more promising than at any time in its history. Not that I did not feel free to report on the work and present condition of the lodge of which I am a member, but that

Grand Lodge might have an independent one, I requested R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt to accompany me on my official visit at the regular meeting in April and perform the duties which otherwise would have devolved on myself, and for which I desire to thank him. The following is what he says : "R. W. Bro. W. R. Cavell requested me to accompany him on his official visit of inspection of his mother lodge, Zeta, assume his duties and make a report in as few words as possible. I have never been called upon to perform a more pleasant or a less onerous duty. When I say that everything pertaining to Zeta lodge is healthy and wholesome I have said all that is necessary. Its growth is healthy and permanent, and the tone of the lodge is wholesome. During the past year twenty-one candidates were initiated ; six affiliated. The active membership is now 237. I have just been informed that \$367.00 were paid into the Semi-Centennial Fund, making a total of \$552.00, the full amount asked for from members of this ldge. In addition, the lodge expended \$79.00 in charity. \$1,530.90 stands to the credit of the lodge in the bank. The first degree was worked during the evening, and no fault could be found with the W. M. or any of the officers. Zeta is also essentially a social lodge ; outsiders are heartily welcomed and given special attention during the fourth degree. I have been at many meetings at Zeta Lodge and have always left with a feeling of satisfaction and a desire to visit the lodge again. R. W. Bro. Cavell, during his term of office as D. D. G. M., has earned a reputation for carefulness and thoroughness. These qualities are prominent in the work and proceedings of his Mother Lodge. W. Bro. F. W. Matthews, during his year of office, lived up to the high standard of efficiency attained by his predecessors."

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering : This lodge finds it difficult to make the progress which the energy and enthusiasm of the members merit, and which would be made had it been situated in a more thriving locality. During this year it has lost some five or six of its active workers from removals, and acceptable new material is slow in applying. Its vitality, however, is truly Masonic, and the energy of the brethren will no doubt prevent these removals from giving evidence of decay. It occupies a hall which is leased and nicely furnished. I

visited the lodge twice, and the second time I noticed more progress than the first. There were ten members present on my first visit in November, which is a little below the average. It was the night of the election of officers, which passed off harmoniously. W. Bro. Rev. F. C. Harper and officers worked the second degree very satisfactorily, lecture and charge both well delivered. The second visit was at the regular meeting in May. W. Bro. J. Gormley was in charge. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in an accurate manner, and I congratulated the W. M. and officers on the work presented for inspection. The officers are energetic and aim to be perfect in their parts, and I found a very loyal feeling existing between the officers and members. The Secretary's books are well attended to, and the arrears of dues are small. I am in hopes that the S. C. B. Fund will receive attention in time. The brethren are equally as attentive to the comfort and entertainment of visitors after labor as they are in the lodge, and the pleasant hour at the refreshment table was enjoyed here as fully as in any lodge. The future is bright and hopeful.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, East Toronto : This lodge enjoys a membership of 136, and its regular meetings are well attended. During the past year the roll was slightly increased, and the prospects are for a busy future. The hall is leased, is well furnished and commodious, but the members hope to have one of their own before long. I have already mentioned that it should have concurrent jurisdiction with the city lodges, which, if granted, would add to its advancement and growth. It was at the regular meeting of the lodge in March that I visited officially, and was heartily welcomed by W. Bro. Hunter, the W. M., and about 75 members and 25 visitors. He conferred the first degree in a correct and very satisfactory manner, assisted by musical accompaniment. The J. W. delivered the historical lecture in a style that commanded attention, but the floor work could be improved by more careful attention. The books are in the hands of an efficient Secretary and are neatly and correctly kept. There are too many of the brethren, however, permitted to run behind in their dues, and more attention should be paid to this very important feature to insure permanent success. Harmony and good feeling seem to prevail, and every one appears desirous of assisting in every way that

he can towards the success of the lodge. The W. M. informs me that there are some in the lodge who have never held office, but who can work any part of any of the degrees. Some of the P. M's have been regular attendants for years back without missing a meeting, and take an active interest in its affairs. \$100 has been spent in charity during the year, but the appeal on behalf of the S. C. B. Fund has not received as good a response as it should in the past. This, however, the W. M. promised would receive his energetic and prompt attention. The courtesy and kindness extended to visitors is particularly well noticed, and we all appreciated fully the hospitality provided.

The Beaches Lodge, No. 473, Balmy Beach, East Toronto : This is one of the progressive lodges of the district. Situated near the lake a short distance east of the city limits, in a bright, airy, comfortable hall of its own, cosy and well furnished, correct and well executed work is seen to better advantage than when the surroundings are less inviting. I was present at their Canadian night, and saw two candidates receive the first degree at the hands of W. Bro. McCurrah and officers in the way it should be conferred, and which was very much enhanced by the excellent choir possessed by the lodge. Excellent speeches, appropriate to the occasion, were made by able and distinguished visiting brethren at the inviting banquet subsequently tendered. At the regular meeting in March I made my official visit, and was welcomed by W. Bro. R. J. W. Barker, the W. M. for 1908. He is one of the most genial and energetic Masters of this city, and is a favorite in his lodge. He exemplified the first degree in a manner no one could find fault with, assisted by his officers, all of whom were efficient, and by the choir of the lodge. The candidate was the Rev. Bro. McIntyre, who, from what I saw, will no doubt be a valuable acquisition to the lodge and to Masonry. The books of the Secretary are quite satisfactory. Arrears of dues do not exist, and the Benevolent Fund will no doubt be attended to. This lodge has great elements of prosperity and strength. The brethren are kind and hospitable. Everyone insists on doing all he can for his lodge. Friendship and brotherly love are practised as well as taught. The future of this lodge is first-class.

In conclusion I desire to sincerely thank the brethren

for their many kind acts and assistance given me during my term, more particularly I would like to mention R. W. Bros. W. H. Shaw, J. B. Nixon, James Glanville, George Tait, F. W. Harcourt, D. A. Radcliffe, R. W. Hull ; V. W. Bros. A. E. Hagerman, H. T. Smith, and W. Bros. J. S. Lovell, P. T. Lee, Frank Saunders, D. Grigg, E. Barber, and Bro. Anderson and others, who at considerable sacrifice accompanied me on one or more of my visits and assisted in making them more cheerful and entertaining. I have endeavored to do my duty faithfully and conscientiously and to merit the honor conferred. Errors no doubt have been made, but over these I trust the mantle of charity will be cast—they were unintentional.

The year has been a pleasant one, and the many new friends made and old acquaintances renewed will long be remembered.

Fraternally submitted,

W. R. CAVELL, D. D. G. M.,

Toronto East District No. 11A.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Toronto East District, No. 11a, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degrees conf'd		F. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Regular.									Emergency.	Total.												
16	St. Andrew	Toronto.....	373	20	1	19	15	12	9	1	1	3	1	5	10	10	120	83	361	40	3	30	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	Trust	
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill.....	46	...	...	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	8	(4)	2	11	July, 1907	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	\$2500 00	
25	Ionie	Toronto.....	283	16	...	12	9	6	10	3	2	2	3	1	1	9	4	37	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Trust	
75	St John's	Toronto.....	296	6	...	17	18	12	3	2	2	2	3	1	1	3	11	31	55	(4)	30	...	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	700 00	
87	Markm Un.	Markham.....	74	...	3	3	3	5	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	13	16	18	45	...	June 24, '07	Fair	Fair	Yes	250 00		
97	Sharon	Queensville.....	71	...	1	3	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	1	3	12	31	(4)	9	...	June 25, '07	Fair	Fair	Yes	360 00	
99	Tuscan	Newmarket.....	84	7	...	7	7	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	4	15	26	25	75	...	June 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
123	Rising Sun	Aurora.....	94	5	...	7	5	4	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	13	13	19	...	...	...	Dec. 23, '07	Good	Good	No	1700 00		
136	Richardson	Stouffville.....	62	2	...	3	3	3	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	12	14	20	124	(4)	4	...	June 24, '08	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00	
218	Stevenson	Toronto.....	232	49	...	53	61	49	9	4	3	12	3	12	2	2	13	25	48	102	(4)	...	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	Trust	
220	Zer-datha	Uxbridge.....	90	14	...	13	12	9	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	12	16	21	...	...	...	Dec. 31, '07	Fair	Good	No	500 00		
263	Brong'un U.	Claremont.....	64	8	...	8	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	11	14	12	50	4	...	June, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	1750 00	
316	Doric	Toronto.....	335	38	...	8	14	16	...	1	15	26	1	...	5	10	18	57	(4)	40	...	April 15, '08	Good	Fair	Yes	Trust		
339	Orient	Toronto.....	311	17	...	17	21	23	3	2	2	...	3	14	7	21	63	83	75	13	...	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	1500 00		
343	Georgina	Toronto.....	281	21	...	27	27	21	6	1	0	...	3	9	11	20	57	80	48	24	...	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00		
354	Brock	Cannington.....	62	...	7	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	6	1	11	11	18	40	(4)	6	...	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
367	St. George	Toronto.....	304	19	...	22	24	23	4	...	3	3	6	3	4	11	9	20	64	189	(4)	21	...	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
410	Zeta	Toronto.....	237	15	...	21	17	17	6	...	3	6	...	...	3	10	11	21	57	79	(4)	19	...	June, 1908	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	1200 00
424	Doric	Pickering.....	43	1	...	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	11	12	15	(4)	4	...	Jan. 16, '08	Good	Fair	Yes	375 00	
430	Acacia	East Toronto.....	136	2	...	10	12	10	1	1	5	5	...	...	12	13	15	32	100	(4)	21	...	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
473	The Beth's	East Toronto.....	12	23	...	20	12	19	7	...	3	1	...	...	13	5	18	76	27	42	...	Dec., 1907	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	1000 00		

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in this district for the current year, am pleased to say it is in a very satisfactory condition.

The lodges are all in a sound financial condition. The work done by all of them is good, and by many of them almost beyond criticism. Harmony and a fraternal spirit exists throughout the district, and, altogether, I believe District No. 12 never was in a more flourishing condition. I am proud to say that the Semi-Centennial Fund was heartily responded to by the great majority of the brethren, and notwithstanding the few lodges who so far have failed to do their duty in this matter, our average is among the best in the jurisdiction. I talked Semi-Centennial Fund at all my official visits and I have reason to believe that with a little perseverance on the part of the masters and others the full quota will be paid in this district.

Early in the term I held a lodge of instruction under the auspices of Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77. Lindsay, on which occasion the Grand Lodge dedicated their new hall, of which the Lindsay brethren may justly be proud.

The first degree was exemplified by Harding Lodge, Woodville, the second by Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, and the third by North Entrance Lodge, Haliburton.

The work done by the above lodges was of a high order, and left little room for criticism.

At the close of the work by each lodge many points were brought up for discussion, and decided by the Grand Master and our late Grand Secretary, who said he never attended a better meeting in the district.

At the conclusion of the work a banquet was tendered to the visiting brethren by Faithful Brethren Lodge, and the fourth degree was worked out in a manner that satisfied the hungry desires of every brother present.

My most sincere thanks are due to the brethren who assisted with the work, and especially to the Lindsay brethren, for our hearty reception and liberal entertainment.

I cannot too highly recommend the holding of a lodge of instruction by every D.D.G.M., and especially at the beginning of the term. I am fully persuaded that it made my work easy at all my official visits which followed. I believe every lodge in the district was represented in the lodge of instruction, and, as a result, had their work revised or corrected where necessary before I visited them, which made it much more pleasant for both them and me. As to my official visits, I do not think it prudent to single out any lodge or officer, or to burden you with a detailed account of each visit, as what I have already said applies to the whole district. Suffice it to say that I found every master able to do his work and every lodge prosperous and harmonious.

Certainly there were a few criticisms to be made, and some slight errors to be pointed out and recommendations to be made, all of which were well received, and I have every reason to believe would be carried out. I might say that I saw degree work done by all the lodges except two.

The evening I visited Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklyn, was so stormy that not a sufficient number turned out to do the work. However, from what I learned from the brethren who braved the storm and assembled at their hall, I am satisfied the work done by them is of no mean order. I regret that the brethren of Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield, were unfortunate in having to give up their hall early in the year, and were not successful in securing new quarters till very recently, consequently no work was done by them during the term. However, I trust they will soon get going again and make up for lost time.

In conclusion, let me say I thoroughly appreciate the kindness shown me throughout the district and the assistance rendered by the masters, past masters, and right worshipful brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. WILLIAMSON, D.D.G.M.,

Ontario District, No. 12.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my report upon the condition of Masonry in the 13th Masonic District.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. George Drewry, of United Lodge, No. 29, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. W. H. Ebersole, District Chaplain. To these brethren I desire to express my appreciation of their readiness at all times to render any assistance in their power in the carrying on of the work devolving upon me.

Having knowledge of the very high standing of the Masonic lodges in the district, ritualistically speaking, I determined to place before the brethren my idea of the teachings of Masonry as indicated in the three degrees of the Blue lodge. My addresses pointed out as clearly as possible the life that a Mason should morally lead, and that the principles were such that a brother following them would be in close touch with the teachings of the sermon on the Mount, which includes the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

THE GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND.

It is with feelings of regret that I am unable to report the success in this line that I desired. My predecessors, all able and true brethren since its inception, did noble work, but owing to some prejudice regarding the fund, the lodges as a whole have not responded to the call, although all admit that the cause is a worthy one. Only one lodge, Colborne, No. 91, has paid its full quota. A number in the district have resolved to pay part this year, and I trust that since the leaven has begun to work that all will eventually meet the requirements of Grand Lodge.

In the month of December, 1907, the following reminder was sent to each lodge :

My Dear Sir and Brother :

This is the season of good cheer and good will towards mankind is general. The homes, churches and all institutions that aim at the betterment of man and the uplifting of his fallen nature are filled with the spirit of kindness, love and benevolence. Will not the members of Prince Edward Masonic District No. 13 respond at the Yule time season to the call made by Grand Lodge for the Benevolent Fund of \$100,000, and place our district where it belongs, among the first in practising the Masonic principles taught us in the northeast angle of the lodge. Wishing you a prosperous and Happy Masonic year, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

C. A. LAPP, D. D. G. M.

It is a pleasure to state that harmony exists throughout the district, that brotherly love prevails, and that relief is practised whenever needed in act as well as in spirit.

I feel deeply grateful to the brethren for the very kindly manner in which they received my official visits. Everything was done to facilitate the work and to gain from the visit that which would elevate and promulgate the principles of Masonry.

The Past Masters have not ceased in good works, but have ever shown a commendable spirit. I would be remiss in my Masonic thankfulness if I did not express my gratefulness to R. W. Bro. Morgan for his kindness in visiting United Lodge, No. 29. His address was fraught with Masonic teaching ; R. W. Bros. Webb, Ponton, O'Flynn, Pringle, Wright, Shaw and Webster. The latter, though past the allotted age of man, worked part of the first degree on one of my visits to Belleville, in a very creditable manner. I thank them for their good will, brotherly love and encouragement. May they long be spared as beacon lights to the Craft of Prince Edward District.

THE LODGES.

It is not my intention to deal at length with each of the lodges, but I feel that brief reference is in place.

Lake Lodge, No. 215, and Consecon, No. 50, possesses excellent traits of good fellowship.

St. John, No. 17, Cobourg, is in a progressive condition. W. Bro. Bickle is a noteworthy Chaplain. V. W. Bro. Buck, as Secretary, keeps things moving.

Star in the East, No. 164, Wellington, and Prince Edward, No. 18, Picton, are unique in entertaining. The ladies of the Anglican church in each case prepared and served the eatables, and at the former they remained throughout the evening. A magnetic welcome is awaiting every visitor.

Tweed, No. 239 : Well attended, good banquet, excellent addresses by the members and visiting brethren. Rev. Bro. Dixon's address caught the spirit of the occasion.

Golden Rule, No. 126, Campbellford, is likely to be one of the largest lodges in the district in the near future outside of Belleville or Picton. This lodge held an "at home," which I had the privilege of attending, that indicated prosperity.

Craig, No. 401, Deseronto, founded by R. W. Bro. R. J. Craig, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada. This was the minister's outing, four being present, W. Bro. Rural Dean Dibb, Napanee ; Bro. Rev. C. W. DeMille, Napanee ; Bro. Rev. Strike, Deseronto, and Bro. Rev. Craig, Kingston.

Marmora, No. 222 : A Burns menu card and toast list, prepared by Bro. Dr. Mackenzie, an evening of pleasure and profit long to be remembered. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I. P. M. by R. W. Bro. Lapp.

Madoc, No. 48 : The good Samaritan was W. Bro. Eagleson. An excellent banquet, followed by scholarly addresses.

Bancroft, U. D. : Hail fellows well met. Prosperous. Excellent Masonic spirit. The advancement is self-evident.

Percy, No. 161, Warkworth. Generous and broad-minded. One of the few lodges that emulate perfection.

Frank, No. 127, Frankford : A true Masonic gathering. R. W. Bro. G. E. R. Wilson was there and rendered valuable assistance.

Colborne, No. 91 : Fiftieth anniversary, well attended ; an elevating spirit. Semi-Centennial Fund paid in full.

United, No. 29, Brighton : A happy gathering. Colborne, No. 91, well represented.

Stirling, No. 69 : Quiet, but thoughtful. Opportunities large. Conservative, but increasing.

Trent, No. 38, Trenton : Have added a banquet hall this year. Reserved, but the true Masonic spirit came from the East, and under the guidance of their Secretary Trent will not err.

Belleville, Eureka, No. 283 : The Belleville, No. 123 ; Moira, No. 11 : All have superlative qualities, spacious rooms, excellent banquets, inspiring music, elevating addresses. A very pleasing "at home" was given during the year.

The names of the fraternal dead will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary.

THE DISTRICT'S NEEDS.

The district needs, not greater charity, but greater thoughtfulness for the future. Semi-Centennial Fund.

Greater discretion should be exercised in admitting members to the secrets of the order.

Less criticism, but more abundant brotherly love.

The ballot is sacred, and no personal feeling should be permitted to influence one in balloting.

A good citizen should make a good Mason.

Election of officers on one night in the same month of the year, June or December, would be a great aid to the D. D. G. M.

Remember to uphold one's character in his absence as you would in his presence.

In conclusion I beg to say that the present members of this Prince Edward Masonic District No. 13 merit the esteem of all their brethren throughout Christendom. The wisdom of their deliberations marks their worth, and will record their virtues for the imitation of succeeding generations. How then shall that chord be touched which carries vibrations to the very heart of the writer? How name the sundering of a relation so interwoven with the affections and strengthened by time? Nothing in the composition of man is more exquisitely tender than that sensibility arising from the pure friendship of the heart. It is this which touches the very springs of life.

A change in relation which is near at hand, however, cannot change that ardor of affection which warms this bosom. May I therefore indulge the sanguine hope that my brethren will accept these affections and bear them in the secret chambers of their hearts. Will they cast the

mantle of Masonic charity over the frailties of life. Will they accept the sincere desire to subserve the true interests of Freemasonry and forget the weakness or imbecility of the attempt.

The sweet remembrance that I may still live in the memory and share in the affections of my brethren will cheer the most pensive hour of my life. Surely we are brethren, and cannot forget the endearing name. May we therefore all have true wisdom to look forward and contemplate with composure and sincerity of mind the close of mortal life and the opening scenes of an immortal existence, and finally may we all be prepared to meet again and rejoice together in a world of pure and sublime happiness where friendship will be perfect and love without alloy.

It was suggested by one of the speakers of Moira Lodge, Belleville, that the following paper, which was gleaned from those well versed in the governing principles of the Craft, and expressing their views as well as those of every member of the Order, should form part of this report. I therefore append the same :

“The honorable institution, of which you are members, lays claim to great merit as well as high antiquity. In every age of the world, and almost every country, Masonry has met with distinguished patronage. Not only men of great intellectual powers and eminent science, but many clothed with the highest civil authority, have been hearty and zealous advocates. Not a few, also, distinguished for their piety and devotion, whose virtues have adorned their age, and whose names will descend to posterity as the friends and benefactors of mankind, have gone before you in the long trodden path of Masonry.

“Such has been that illustrious succession of the guardians of the institution, whose vigilance and care have been constantly exercised in preserving in their purity from age to age, whose principles are now committed to your charge. Through your hands are they to descend to succeeding generations. How sacred is that deposit committed to you, in trust for future ages.

“In view of the origin and true nature of the institution, its high importance to the world, the sacredness of its principles, its harmonizing influence and the whole excellence of the system whether it be considered in a

historical, benevolent, moral or religious point, your minds must be solemnly affected and your hearts seriously engaged to maintain the purity of its precepts, not only as a plain and reasonable duty, but as examples worthy to be imitated by those who shall receive the administration from your hands. In view of such high responsibility you cannot be insensible that the greatest caution, wisdom and prudence are indispensibly necessary, as respects the present celebrity, and future usefulness of Speculative Freemasonry.

"Seeing your profession is built on a tried foundation, you stand solemnly pledged to the world to maintain the cause of truth against all the assaults of vice or the inroads of error. Your several lodges are, or ought to be, so many temples of virtue and schools of moral and religious instruction. Each individual is, or ought to be, a watchful sentinel over the happiness of mankind. Ever on the alert to rescue injured innocence or avert impending danger.

"Such, however, is the state of the world, and such the unhappy lot of all Institutions, that none have been preserved free from the unhallowed tread of unworthy members. Even in Thy little family, O blessed Immanuel, was a betraying Judas. Nor is Thy sacred table always surrounded by sanctified hearts. Although that is a sore evil, and greatly to be lamented, yet from the nature of man it cannot be wholly prevented in our present state. Much, however, may be done to remedy this general evil.

"Let it therefore be remembered and written, as with sunbeams on the heart of each Mason, that the harmony and happiness of your assemblies, and your true enjoyment as individuals, do not, cannot depend on your numbers, but on the real intrinsic worth, the virtue, the integrity and the moral excellence of your members. This is a great point as respects the unity and fellowship of Masonic brethren. You are, therefore, under solemn obligations to make a full and thorough examination as to the true character of those who present themselves for the benefits of your order. Here is a point never to be left unguarded. All the internal social friendship and happiness of your communications vitally depend upon it. Let the world know assuredly, if any individual desires admittance to your privileges, that the square of

justice and the plumb-line of rectitude must fit his character for that important place. Let it be well understood that vice is not to be winked at, that the doors of your lodge can never be open for the reception of even a doubtful character, that the sanctity of the Institution is not to be trampled under foot by the profane, that the precepts of Masonry present an insurmountable barrier against every immoral person.

"Should an unworthy person, however, gain admittance within the veils of your Sanctorum, remember something ought immediately to be done. Adopt all probable and proper means to mend his heart, correct his habits, improve his virtue and establish his good character. Persuade him to practice virtue from the love of it. Remember that not only a visible and manifest reformation must be effected, but one that is real and genuine such as shall be deemed satisfactory by every unprejudiced brother. But in case of non-compliance or wilful obstinacy by open violation of Masonic principles, such an one must be expelled. The purity of the system itself does demand it, and the peace and harmony of the lodge imperiously require it. A just and righteous discipline must be maintained or the institution necessarily fails of its great object.

"In relation to Masonic discipline, we all know it is too remiss. Members are sometimes suffered to transgress and pass with impunity. Each individual excuses himself on the ground that it will be more proper, or attended with more salutary consequences, for some other brother to enter the complaint. In this way it is sometimes finally neglected, so that what is everyone's duty is eventually performed by none.

"To remedy this evil each lodge should by an article in its by-laws, constitute their three first officers ex officio a standing committee, whose duty it should be made, in all cases within their knowledge, to take cognizance of un-Masonic conduct and report offenders to their lodge. To promote the happiness and well being of mankind is a great object of speculative Freemasonry. In carrying into effect an object of such magnitude, no expedient, wise and prudent in its nature, should be left untried. Brethren, you have heard some of the general outlines of this great body. You have seen how numerous, solemn and interesting are the considerations in-

volved in our profession. You, as Masons, being well informed, can look back and see in how great a variety of instances, the moral state of the world has been benefited by the existence of this ancient association: Go on, brethren, in the pathway of virtue.

“Do good, and to communicate forget not.”

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. A. LAPP, D. D. G. M.,

Prince Edward District No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Prince Edward District, No. 13, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

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			Total	Decrease		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.																		
11	Moirs	Belleville	237	17	...	18	17	18	1	2	...	4	2	...	...	1	13	18	56	357	55	45	\$ 133	00 Dec. 27, '07	Good	v'y bright	Yes	\$4000 00	
17	St. John's	Cobourg	107	6	...	5	6	6	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	316	25	...	...	15	100	00 June 24, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	500 00	
18	Pr. Edward	Pictou	241	6	...	4	6	4	1	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	5	316	40	35	00	6	100	54 Dec. 31, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	2500 00	
29	United	Brighton	121	6	...	3	6	4	7	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	517	33	60	00	2	30	00 Dec. 27, '07	Excell'nt	Excell'nt	Yes	700 00	
38	Trenton	Trenton	114	7	...	5	6	4	5	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	2	315	22	47	27	...	...	...	Fair	Yes	800 00		
48	Madoc	Madoc	130	8	...	6	6	7	9	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	3	217	35	30	00	21	195	00 June 24, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	1000 00	
50	Consecon	Consecon	63	6	...	3	2	1	1	...	...	3	4	...	...	...	2	114	18	...	...	7	24	60 Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
69	Stirling	Stirling	61	4	...	3	2	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	314	17	18	...	18	92	14 Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Good	Yes	1200 00	
91	Colborne	Colborne	105	9	...	5	5	5	2	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	2	212	24	24	70	00	32	156	50 Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
23	Belleville	Belleville	200	16	...	2	13	9	13	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	1	314	40	90	00	36	156	50 Dec. 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00	
26	Gold'n Rule	Campbellford	70	10	...	1	7	4	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	314	20	120	00	1	2	00 Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
67	Franc	Frankford	110	...	...	8	8	10	...	...	...	1	8	...	...	...	1	315	22	...	...	19	41	26 Dec. 27, '07	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	300 00	
271	Percy	Warkworth	83	4	...	4	4	4	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	214	22	...	...	15	50	00 Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	600 50	
151	Star in East	Wellington	122	6	...	5	6	5	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	212	25	...	...	...	80	00 Dec. 27, '07	Good	v'y bright	Yes	250 00	
222	Lake Anneliasburg	Mornora	70	2	...	4	4	4	5	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	1	317	25	15	00	...	85	00 Dec. 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	2000 00	
239	Mornora	Tweed	75	8	...	7	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	35	...	...	16	188	00 Jan. 1, 1908	Good	Excell'nt	Yes	800 00	
253	Tweed	Belleville	110	15	...	4	14	11	10	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	1	313	25	...	...	10	188	00 June 21, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00	
283	Eureka	Deseronto	84	9	...	8	12	10	1	...	...	2	1	4	...	...	7	20	25	...	...	7	29	25 Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
401	Craig	Bancroft	83	4	...	7	6	6	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	315	23	25	00	12	171	00 June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	800 00	
U. D.	Bancroft	Bancroft	45	16	...	15	13	15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	819	16	5	5	27	00 April 15, '07	Good	Good	Yes	150 00	

FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

Owing to the death of our esteemed D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. George S. Johnston, which occurred at Forfar, Ont., May 29th last. I was appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master to take his place for the balance of the Masonic year. In the death of R. W. Bro. Johnston the district has lost one of its brightest minds. He was an able and ready speaker, and made a marked impression while visiting the several lodges. His addresses were of a practical nature, and one could not listen to them without being benefited. With his ability and ambition a bright future was in store for him, but the Great Architect of the Universe ruled otherwise. Bro. Johnston leaves a widow and three children. His funeral was largely attended by Masons from Brockville, Athens, Delta, Seeley's Bay, Gananoque and Kingston. The ceremony was conducted by R. W. Bro. Preston, of Simpson Lodge, Newboro, of which lodge Bro. Johnston was W. M. for four successive years. R. W. Bro. Johnston visited all the lodges in the district with the exception of his mother lodge. Simpson, No. 157, Newboro, and Cataraqui, No. 92, Kingston.

DISPENSATION.

A dispensation for a new lodge at Arden was granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, and under instructions from the Grand Secretary I proceeded to Arden and organized St. Andrew's Lodge. I was assisted by R. W. Bros. Shaw, Nicolls, Minnes, W. Bro. Minnes, of Kingston, and many brethren from Tamworth and Tweed. A very neat and comfortable new lodge has been built, and it is the intention of the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge to use it exclusively for Masonic purposes. The membership is composed of good material, and although few

in number, I think the business will be conducted with wisdom and discretion. The Secretary, Bro. Andrew, is an old and tried Mason, and although about 80 years of age, is bright intellectually, and will prove a wise counsellor for the younger members. I predict a healthy future for the new born infant, St. Andrew.

The following are reports of the visits made to the lodges by our late D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Johnston. They were forwarded to me by Mrs. Johnston.

Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa, No. 228 : I visited this lodge on November the 7th. Owing to the unfavorable weather the attendance was not large. I was pleased to see a number of Past Masters present. The officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in an almost faultless manner. I was pleased to note that the officers almost to a man are regular in attendance at the meetings.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee : I visited this lodge on the evening of November the 8th. There was a fair turnout of the members, including a number of visitors. The officers conferred the third degree in a very efficient manner. Their beautiful suite of rooms, the furniture, crude material upon which to work cannot be excelled in the district. No fear may be felt for the future of Union No. 9. I received a very hearty welcome from all.

Maple Leaf, No. 119, Bath : I paid my official visit to this lodge on the evening of November 11th. The attendance was fair, which would have been much larger had I paid my visit at a later date, as a number of the brethren are sailors, and at that season of the year were on the lakes. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a manner commendable of the highest praise. I found the W. M. well skilled in his work. The brethren have taken up the discussion on points of Masonry, which is creating enthusiasm with such efficient Past Masters as W. Bros. North, More and Armstrong. The lodge is bound to continue to do good work and prosper. She is increasing in membership very rapidly.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith : I visited this lodge on November 12th, 1907. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. The W. M. and Wardens are well up in their work. I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Guinnis, a charter member of Albion lodge, and one of the oldest members of the Craft

in the district, being over sixty years a Mason. This lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh : Visited on November 13th. Here I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Longmore and Aylesworth. Bro. Aylesworth is the Secretary, and a very efficient officer. The W. M., W. Bro. E. Gaudier, and his officers conferred the first degree on a candidate in a very creditable manner. A pleasing instance of true Masonic principles was shown in the spontaneous manner in which they upheld V. W. Bro. Beaman for securing the services of a nurse for an afflicted brother. A number of visiting brethren were present. I wish to make mention that the highest praise is due to the Junior Warden for efficient manner in which he delivered the lecture on the tracing board. The brethren are taking a live interest in Masonry, and I predict a bright future for Prince of Wales Lodge.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville : My visit to this lodge was paid on November 14th. I drove over from Newburgh with W. Bro. Gaudier, W. M. of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146. I found a goodly number of the brethren in attendance, including a number of visitors from Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh, and Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth. A feature of the evening was the presence of Bros. Shannons, three brothers, the eldest 75 and the youngest 69 years of age. The third degree was conferred in a very effective manner. The officers are well skilled in their work, and the Past Masters are willing at all times to render assistance should it be required. This lodge has been increasing rapidly in membership, such being the flower of the community.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth : My visit to this lodge was paid on November 15th. I found a well filled lodge room, including a number of visitors, some of the brethren having driven over twenty miles. Bro. Chas. Jones, the W. M., who resides at Toronto Junction, was present. The second degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. The W. M. and officers are well skilled in the work. Bro. Jas. A. Aylesworth, the efficient Secretary, is a painstaking officer. They have a neatly furnished lodge room, and at the conclusion of the work a genial fourth degree was indulged in, where song

and speeches brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque : Accompanied by Bro. Wm. T. Hales, I paid my official visit to this lodge on November 19th. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bros. Skinner and Taylor. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by the W. M., W. Bro. Black, in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. It has seldom been my pleasure to visit a lodge having such efficient officers. The lodge has a good executive officer in W. Bro. Graham, the Secretary, and to this fact they owe much of their success. The members are enthusiastic and take a keen interest in the proceedings. This is one of the banner lodges of the district.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A most successful Lodge of Instruction was held in Gananoque on Thursday, the 23rd of January. The meeting was unique and suggestive on many points, being held under the auspices of Leeds Lodge, No. 201. The work was assigned to the various lodges in the district, and was exemplified in a most creditable manner. The various lodges were well represented, with the exception of Union, No. 9, Napanee; Lorne, No. 404, Tamworth, and Prince Arthur, Odessa, and Elysian, Garden Island. The members of the several lodges who exchanged ideas and thoughts that must arise, I trust returned to their several homes imbued with more zeal and sense of importance of the institution. The gathering was graced by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, A. T. Freed; R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Bros. Shaw, Harrington, Skinner, Dongavel, and V. W. Bro. Graham. At the conclusion of the work a banquet, followed by toast and speech, brought to a close one of the most enjoyable gatherings ever participated in by the brethren of the 14th Masonic District.

Westport Lodge, No. 441 : Visited Westport Lodge, No. 441, February 7th. The W. M., W. Bro. Jeacles, and the officers conferred the second degree in a first-class manner. The attendance was fair, considering the almost impassable condition of the roads, which prevented a number of the brethren from being present. This lodge is efficiently guided by V. W. Bro. Gorrell, W. Bros. Berry and Taylor, being in a flourishing condi-

tion. I predict for Westport Lodge, No. 441, a bright future.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island : In company with the following Kingston brethren, R. W. Bro. Wm. Jackson, V. W. Bro. Smeaton, W. Bros. Minnes and Pearson, I paid my official visit to this lodge on the evening of February 13th. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a creditable manner. Though few in numbers, our Island brethren are what I may term a "happy family." I was pleased to see the interest the Past Masters took in their lodge, and I feel assured the reputation of Elysian lodge is not likely to suffer.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston : This lodge was officially visited by me at its regular meeting on March 3. The attendance was not up to the average, owing, no doubt, to the fact that the W. M. and some of the junior officers were slightly indisposed. The W. M's and Junior Warden's chairs were filled by efficient Past Masters. The first and second degrees were conferred in a very creditable manner, there being two candidates initiated and one passed to the second degree. The Past Masters apparently are taking a deep interest, and I predict a bright future for Minden Lodge.

Ancient St. John's, No. 3, Kingston : In company with the M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. A. T. Freed, I paid my official visit to this historic lodge on March 5th. I found the lodge room well filled with enthusiastic members and visitors, among whom were a number of P. D. D. G. M's. The first degree was exemplified in a manner worthy of the highest commendation. It has seldom been my pleasure to visit a lodge with such efficient officers. The M. W. the Grand Master and myself were entertained at dinner in the Frontenac club rooms by a number of the brethren, after which we returned to the lodge room, where a short time was spent conferring the degrees, and then all sat down to a banquet tendered by the lodge, where speech and song brought to a close a meeting long to be remembered by the Grand Master, visitors and myself. This lodge is in a most flourishing condition, and reflects the greatest credit on the Craft in the city of Kingston. A pleasing event was a presentation and address to the retiring Secretary, Bro. Corner, in token of his efficient services.

Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Seeley's Bay : This lodge was officially visited by me on the evening of March 12th. The second degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner. W. Bro. Gilbert, as W. M., apparently has the interests of his lodge at heart. I would urge upon some of the subordinate officers to copy after his example and be more regular in attendance. The lodge is doing good work and progressing favorably, with the prospects bright for the future.

WM. JACKSON,

Acting D. D. G. M.

Frontenac District No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Toronto District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.	Degree's conf'r'd		Affi- liations.	Restorations.	Resig- nations.	Suspend- ions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arreages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
				E. A.	F. C.						M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.										Total.
3	A. St. John's	Kingston.....	179	...	...	7	10	12	2	1	6	1	...	30	174 65	10	\$ 73 70	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 867 00
9	Union.....	Napanee.....	131	10	...	8	5	3	7	...	...	...	22	80 00	25	300 00	...	...	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
92	Cataragui.	Kingston.....	196	14	...	16	15	13	4	2	2	6	1	212	180 00	22	235 00	Dec. 27, '07	Excell'nt	Good	Yes	1250 00
109	Albion ...	Harrowsmith	68	...	...	2	5	5	4	1	4	4	...	...	15 00	9	52 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Bright	Yes	600 00
119	Maple Leaf	Bath.....	59	1	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	17	10 00	13	42 00	June 21, '08	Good	Bright	Yes	300 00
146	Pr. of Wales	Newburg.....	50	1	...	5	5	4	...	...	1	...	1	23	97 00	7	16 00	Dec. 27, '07	Solvent	Favorable	Yes	1200 00
157	Simpson ..	Newboro.....	68	...	...	1	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	114	...	20	35 00	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
201	Leeds	Ganarogue	152	3	...	7	8	8	1	...	3	...	...	41	10 00	22	86 25	Dec. 27, '08	\$100 00	Good	Yes	600 00
212	Elysian	Garden Island	24	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	5	23 50	June 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	None
228	Pr. Arthur.	Odessa	45	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	13	5 00	7	14 00	Mar. 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	.....
239	Victoria....	Centreville....	36	3	...	3	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	11	60 00	9	27 00	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
253	Minden.....	Kingston.....	108	8	...	5	8	6	5	3	1	2	...	213	35 00	6	216 00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
404	Lorne	Tamworth	68	4	...	6	4	6	1	...	1	1	...	11	5 00	4	16 50	June 24, '07	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
441	Westport...	Westport	51	9	4	8	5	2	1	...	3	...	...	13	...	10	40 00	Aug. 2, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	None
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay...	57	4	3	3	2	2	1	...	2	...	...	110	...	...	.....	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in the St. Lawrence District No. 15 for the year ending June 24th, 1908.

I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation of the honor bestowed upon me by the brethren in electing me to the high office of District Deputy Grand Master. I have also to thank the brethren for the enthusiastic reception accorded me in every instance on my official visits.

On examination of the register of each lodge I found that the attendance, in proportion to the number of resident members, was generally good, and particularly large when doing honor to the Grand Master through his humble representative, the D. D. G. M., on his official visits.

I visited each lodge in the district and found the work very uniform and the W. M's and officers thoroughly competent in the exemplification of the degrees, each lodge endeavoring to work better and more correctly than the others, reflecting much credit on the officers. Enthusiasm in the cause of Masonry seems to be on the increase. Notices are issued promptly for all meetings, thus keeping every member well informed of the work and business of the lodge and inducing a larger attendance. I am glad to say that peace and harmony prevails throughout the district, and that only once have I been called upon to settle differences between brethren, which was accomplished by both of the brethren making and receiving apologies. I found the books of the secretaries and treasurers correctly and neatly kept, dues well paid up, and arrearages small.

The membership of several of the lodges is increasing rapidly, and with good material, though I have endeavored to impress upon each lodge the necessity of having the committees on petitions doing their duties thoroughly, and to accept a few good men rather than a large number who would not be a credit to the Order.

I am sorry to have to report that the Semi-Centennial Fund has not been meeting with the success it deserves. So far as I can learn only one lodge has paid its full share, and a few others nearly so. I have tried to show the brethren their duty to Grand Lodge, and asked them to fulfil their pledge, and I trust in the near future all the lodges may be reported as having paid the amounts expected.

I am pleased to say that I have been ably supported by W. Bro. C. T. Wilkinson, District Secretary, who with one exception accompanied me on my visits to the lodges. I have also to thank many of the members of Sussex and Salem lodges who accompanied me on different occasions.

I am purposely leaving out any lengthy reports of the fourth degrees, which were conferred at the conclusion of the duties by each lodge, with songs, speeches, music, etc., and afforded entertainment, good fellowship and social intercourse which is characteristic of Masons at such functions.

The following deaths have been reported to me, viz.: R. W. Bro. John Menish, Sussex Lodge, No. 5, August 12th, 1907. R. W. Bro. George Gale, Salem Lodge, No. 368, Oct. 16th, 1907. W. Bro. Dr. John Muir, Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Oct. 8th, 1907. W. Bro. Francis Thompson, Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Oct. 22, 1907. W. Bro. Chris. J. Humphries, St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Dec. 23, 1907. Bro. Joseph Elward, St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, also a charter member of Salem Lodge, No. 368. Bro. William Corbett, St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, May 16, 1908. Bro. Charles H. Hall, Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston, buried at Merrickville April 1, 1908. Bro. Robert Soper, Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, June 5, 1908. Bro. Robert A. Scott, Central Lodge, No. 110, June 30, 1907. Bro. Thomas Burton, Central Lodge, No. 110, July 6, 1907. Bro. D. McMillan, Central Lodge, No. 110, August 26, 1907.

A Lodge of Instruction was held on the afternoon and evening of March 30th, 1908, under the auspices of Sus-

sex and Salem lodges, Brockville. The register showed an attendance of nearly 300, every lodge in the district being represented by its officers, and in many cases several members, and I have to thank the brethren for the splendid manner in which they responded to the summons. Among those occupying seats in the East were R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Johnston, who a few weeks ago was summoned to the Grand Lodge above; R. W. Bros. W. H. Jackson, Thomas Wilkinson, D. Derbyshire and Geo. K. Dewey, of Sussex Lodge, No. 5; R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, of Kingston; R. W. Bro. G. B. Magee, of Merrickville; R. W. Bro. G. T. Martin, of Smith's Falls; R. W. Bros. A. E. Cumming and C. W. Bulloch, of Lyn; R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, G. S. Warden, and a host of Past Masters. The work was so arranged that each lodge would do some part, and the programme was successfully carried out. The lodges which, with the officers, took part were: First degree, Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387; St. Francis Lodge, No. 24; True Britons Lodge, No. 14, and St. James Lodge, No. 74. Second degree, Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28; Merrickville Lodge, No. 55; Sussex Lodge, No. 5; Salem Lodge, No. 368, and Rising Sun Lodge, No. 75. Third degree, Macoy Lodge, No. 242; Central Lodge, No. 110; Lyn Lodge, No. 416, and Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389.

On October 8th, 1907, I had the pleasure of assisting the M. W. the Grand Master in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Leslie Memorial Hall at Kemptville.

In April last I was requested by the Grand Master to conduct the ceremony of laying the corner stone of Trinity Church, Merrickville, which was done on Wednesday, June 17th, 1908. Rev. J. H. H. Coleman, rector of Trinity Church, is also the W. M. of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55. I was assisted in the ceremony by R. W. Bro. G. B. Magee, acting Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, G. S. Warden; R. W. Bro. J. F. Graham, as G. J. W.; R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, as G. Supt. of orks; R. W. Bro. R. W. Watchorn, as G. Treasurer; R. W. Bro. G. T. Martin, as G. Secretary, and a number of Past Masters and W. Masters in the other offices. After the ceremony we were entertained by the building committee and received many expressions of pleasure, satisfaction and appreciation of the beautiful and impres-

sive ceremony conducted by the officers of Grand Lodge.

Dispensations were asked for and received by Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, to instal officers on August 21, 1907 ; by St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, to elect a W. M. and instal officers in January 10th, 1908 ; Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta, to elect officers on December 11th, and also to hold an "at home" on December 18th, 1907 ; St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, to hold an "at home" on February 21st, 1908 ; St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, to receive and act upon a petition from Mr. Victor A. Chase, living at Smith's Falls less than one year ; Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville, to attend divine service on June 21st, 1908 ; True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Perth, to attend divine service on June 21st, 1908 ; St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, to attend divine service on June 28, 1908 ; and Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown, to attend divine service on June 28, 1908.

The by-laws of Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta, and St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, were revised, and those of Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, amended, all of which were approved by the Grand Master.

DISPENSATION FOR NEW LODGE.

The Grand Master has been pleased to grant dispensation for the formation of a new lodge named "Osiris," at Smith's Falls.

VISITS.

Sussex, No. 5, and Salem, No. 368, Brockville, were visited on May 11th, at a joint meeting of the lodges. Having seen the work done by these lodges so often, being a member of Salem, I can truthfully say that the zealous work of all the officers is fully up to the standard so often reported by P. D. D. G. M's. The ceremony of initiating a candidate was excellently performed, Salem taking the first half and Sussex the last part. On this occasion we had many Past Masters with us and 24 visitors from Black Lake Lodge, Morristown, New York, who expressed themselves as much pleased with our ceremony and the creditable performance of the officers. The lodges are both in good financial standing and are receiving many new members, though they are very careful of the moral standing of all petitioners and only the best are received. On October 18th, 1907, I had the sad

duty of conducting the funeral service of our late R. W. Bro. Geo. Gale, an old and respected member of Salem Lodge. Bro. Gale was one of the old landmarks of Masonry in Brockville, as also our late R. W. Bro. John Menish, who were ever ready to give a helping hand where needed in Masonic work. Bro. Gale was buried in the family plot at Briar Hill, a few miles from Morristown, N. Y., where we were met by a goodly number of Morristown brethren, who accompanied us to the cemetery and assisted in the ceremony. Both Sussex and Salem lodges are financially strong.

True Britons, No. 14, Perth : I visited on March 2. W. Bro. W. T. Hands and his officers occupied the chairs, and I witnessed the exemplification of the first degree, which was very satisfactorily done, each officer having his work as nearly perfect as could be, the W. M. being very impressive and thorough. I was particularly well pleased with the manner in which the Inner Guard received the candidate. Being a believer in first impressions, I am always delighted when a candidate is received in a manner that will impress him with the solemnity of the Masonic ceremonies. The lodge is in a prosperous condition and is doing good work. The Secretary's books are well kept.

St. Francis, No. 24, Smith's Falls : I visited this lodge on April 10th, and was most enthusiastically received by the officers and brethren. There was a large attendance, including several visitors. The third degree was conferred, and the floor work well rendered. Under the careful supervision of R. W. Bro. G. T. Martin and their efficient Secretary, V. W. Bro. Fluker, the lodge cannot do otherwise than flourish. This lodge had the misfortune a few months ago of having a fire in the adjoining building, and the lodge room and contents were badly damaged by water and smoke, but since then they have materially beautified and refurnished their rooms, and have now one of the best equipped and artistically furnished rooms in the district. Owing to the disappointment of many of the brethren in not having been advanced in or appointed to office a resolution was adopted by the lodge on the occasion of my visit for the formation of a new lodge. A petition to the Grand Master, signed by 16 members of St. Francis Lodge, and 14 members of other lodges, was read and handed to me to be forwarded

to the Grand Master. On my recommendation the Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation for the new lodge, to be named Osiris, and being commanded by the Grand Master I visited Smith's Falls on June 17th. accompanied by W. Bro. C. T. Wilkinson as Director of Ceremonies, and organized the new lodge. Owing to many of the C. P. R. employees having been removed from Carleton Place to Smith's Falls the population of the town is rapidly increasing, and there is every prospect that both lodges will flourish. The formation of the new lodge has removed the cause of the slight friction which existed among a few of the members, and harmony and concord will prevail among the brethren. St. Francis is in good financial standing and will give the new lodge every assistance.

Mount Zion, No. 28, Kemptville : April 15th. One candidate was initiated at this meeting in a fairly creditable manner. The lodge, though one of the oldest in the district, is not increasing fast in membership. It has some good working members, and is in good financial standing. Upon hearing their Auditors' report read I advised them to expend some of their surplus funds in beautifying their rooms, which are sadly in need of it, but they explained that they were on the eve of procuring better and more commodious accommodation, when they expect to have one of the best furnished rooms in the district.

Merrickville, No. 55, Merrickville: Visited on April 14th, when Rev. J. H. H. Coleman, Master of the lodge, conferred the first degree on two candidates. The W. M. has a splendid delivery and the ceremony was impressively conducted. W. Bro. J. H. Fulford, at present of Brockville, a charter member of Merrickville lodge, and the District Secretary, accompanied me. Both the meeting and the fourth degree were of the pleasantest of my many visits. The lodge has many enthusiastic Past Masters, always ready to assist in the good work, among whom I might mention R. W. Bros. Watchorn and Magee, W. Bros. Angus and Putnam. At this meeting I was informed of the intention of the lodge to petition the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of Trinity Church, of which the W. M. is rector, and which was, with the assistance of the lodge, so satisfactorily carried out, as above described. The lodge is in a healthy condition and the Secretary's books well kept.

St. James, No. 74 : I visited this lodge on March 18th, accompanied by about sixteen brethren from Brockville. The lodge is, notwithstanding the scattered homes of its members, doing splendidly. It has many zealous workers. W. Bro. E. A. McKim, the W. M., having been taken ill a few days before the meeting, the chair was occupied by W. Bro. McDougall, who conferred the first degree on a candidate in a pleasing manner. W. Bro. McKim is an energetic Mason, and I know he has good mastery of the degrees, and performed his part of the work at the Lodge of Instruction excellently. All the officers except the S. W. and I. G., who were both absent on account of illness in their families, were present. The S. W. chair was ably filled by Bro. Checklev, S. W. of Crstal Fountain Lodge, from which there were also several present. The J. W.'s lecture was exceptionally well delivered. This lodge is this year celebrating its semi-centennial.

Rising Sun, No. 85, Athens : Was visited on March 12th. W. Bro. Morley Earl in the chair, conferred the second degree very acceptably. The officers are able to work or confer all the degrees. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The candidate for the second degree was exceptionally well posted in the former degree. A few years ago the lodge was in financial difficulties, but is now in good condition and has a substantial cash balance. The appreciation of the assistance of past officers is shown in the presentation of a P. M. jewel to W. Bro. J. P. Lamb, and making two of its oldest members honorary members.

Central, No. 110, Prescott : I visited on April 7th and found a fairly good number present, including several visitors. The third degree was conferred on three candidates, W. Bro. John Tyner taking two of them and A. W. Bro. J. F. Graham the third. W. Bro. Tyner opened the lodge in the three degrees and performed the floor work in a creditable manner, and much more satisfactorily than at the Lodge of Instruction, where, on account of the large number present, he was somewhat nervous. R. W. Bro. Graham, Secretary of the lodge, is doing good work, and under his scrutiny the officers are kept up to a good standard. His books are perfectly kept. The lodge's affairs are in good condition, and with the present impetus in the town's growth the prospects of the lodge are good.

Macoy, No. 242, Mallorytown : I visited on February 17th. Macoy lodge is a progressive lodge under the guidance of W. Bro. Toot, assisted by many of the Past Masters, among whom I might mention W. Bros. Dr. Lane, John Raphael, F. H. Mallory and L. T. Blanchard. This lodge has the distinction of having among its members five brothers and the father of the W. M. The third degree was conferred in a highly satisfactory manner, and though the lodge only a few years ago was at a low standard, is now one of the best in the district, through the encouragement of the Past Masters and the excellent work of the officers. After partaking of refreshments about two hours were pleasantly spent in discussing Masonic work.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta : Visited at a regular meeting on December 18th. This lodge, with a membership of 65, is doing splendid work, the W. M. and his officers being able to confer all the degrees. The third degree, though exemplified under very trying circumstances, a rehearsal of a Christmas concert by a Sunday school with music, drums, marching and singing, going on in the public hall underneath, was done very satisfactorily. The lodge is in excellent condition, financial and otherwise, and is working as its name implies.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne : Visited February 13th, accompanied by several Brockville brethren. One candidate was initiated and the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees in a fairly satisfactory way. The lodge is probably the weakest in the district, but the officers and brethren are trying to improve their condition, and expect in the near future to accomplish what they are striving for. They have recently purchased new regalia and other paraphernalia. The Secretary, though new in the work, is keeping his books very creditably. Here also we spent about two hours talking over Masonic work and matters.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta : I visited this lodge on May 13th, accompanied by nine brethren from Brockville and two from South Augusta. W. Bro. G. W. Chapman and his officers exemplified the first degree very creditably, considering that the officers are so scattered and have not the opportunity of practicing as others have who reside in more thickly populated centres. The J. W. was very good in his delivery of the

lecture. At this meeting a supposed brother from a western town visited the lodge, and when the W. M. took his time in sending out a board of examination he demanded that he be attended to at once, and during his examination, which he wished to conduct according to his own ideas, he became very abusive, so much so that the board did not deem him a proper person to visit any lodge. During the past winter I was requested to adjust a slight difference existing between two of the members of this lodge, which I did, and we trust that the brethren will now work together with that love and harmony which should exist among Masons. Bro. R. E. Grigg, Secretary, is a most energetic officer, looking carefully after every detail and keeping the dues well collected. The financial condition of the lodge is good, owning the building, and hope in the near future to further beautify the interior.

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn : I visited this lodge on December 17th, accompanied by four Past Masters from Brockville. The lodge has a splendid average attendance and at this meeting 32 of its members were present. The opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees and the discussion of the exemplification and the work of the degrees proved that the W. M. and officers were thoroughly competent, which could not fail to be the result under the tuition of R. W. Bros. Cumming and Bulloch.

In conclusion, I wish to say that my term of office has indeed been a very pleasant and profitable experience. Though at times in our discussions the history of Masonry was referred to, I endeavored in all cases, when on my official visit, to convert the meeting into a lodge of instruction, so that if any officer or member was in doubt the matter might be cleared.

Again I wish to thank the brethren for their kind indulgences to me, and consider myself well repaid if my feeble efforts have proved beneficial to the Craft in the district.

I cannot close without referring to the severe loss to the Craft in the death of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, whose loss will be severely felt, as he was ever ready to extend a helping hand and good counsel to the brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. A. GEIGER, D. D. G. M.,

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, from June 24th, 1907, to June 21th, 1908.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship		Decrease during year.	Increase during year.	Degre's Conf'd			Am-li-a-tions.	Res-tor-a-tions.	Sus-pen-sions, N. P. D.	Sus-pen-sions, other causes.	Meet'gs held			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.			
			Total No. of all Mem.	Decrease during year.			E. A.	F. C.	M. M.					Regular.	Emer-gent.	Total.												
5	Sussex	Brockville	242	14	6	8	8	8	3	3	5	...	...	1	12	3	15	42	146	60	29	\$ 104 00	Dec. 27, '07	Excell'nt	Excell'nt	Yes	Trust	
14	True Brit'n	Perth	110	8	5	7	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	12	4	15	24	25	00	14	77 75	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$700 00	
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	145	12	3	9	10	2	2	3	...	...	...	3	13	25	31	50	00	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00	
24	Mount Zion	Kemptville	58	11	3	8	8	3	3	...	...	...	...	2	13	9	22	17	10	00	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '07	V'y Good	V'y Good	Yes	300 00
55	Merrick vil	Merrickville	91	16	8	14	12	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	13	4	17	15	30	5	12 50	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	150 00	
74	St. James	South Augusta	70	7	2	7	6	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	2	14	3	17	25	30	7	36 00	Dec. 27, '08	Favor'ble	Favor'ble	Yes	100 00	
85	Rising Sun	Athens	69	5	3	5	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	2	14	18	...	10	73 00	Dec., 1907	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00	
110	Central	Prescott	111	11	5	9	11	9	2	2	...	...	...	3	12	4	16	22	139	00	20	77 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	750 00	
242	Macoy	Mallorytown	87	3	4	3	3	4	1	2	...	...	...	1	13	1	14	25	50	00	17	50 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	600 00	
368	Salem	Brockville	167	6	1	5	7	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	12	2	14	36	132	40	14	55 75	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	Trust	
370	Harmony	Delta	67	7	1	7	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	14	12	15	00	4	15 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1800 00	
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	46	1	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	1	13	11	...	...	7	22 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
389	C Fountain	North Augusta	48	1	1	1	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	11	2	13	10	...	...	5	33 85	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Fair	Yes	1200 00	
416	Lyn	Lyn	46	3	...	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	13	15	15	00	6	35 00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. E. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to submit herewith a report of the work done throughout this district during the past year, and to refer in general terms to the work of each lodge. I may say in some cases, and they were few, some irregularities were noticeable, but I preferred to call the attention of the officers to the same in private, rather than to criticize before the lodge, as in many cases these errors occurred through lack of knowledge or want of preparation, not through an attempt to be different from the work done by other lodges, for I believe there is a general desire to have the work uniform throughout the whole district.

Following the example of my predecessors, I appointed W. Bro. O. G. Copeland, of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, District Secretary.

This district is now composed of nineteen lodges, all of which I had the pleasure of visiting, and in every case found harmony and good-will existing, which testifies that the true Masonic spirit prevails everywhere.

I desire to take this opportunity of thanking the brethren for the kindness and courtesy shown me, especially many of the Ottawa brethren, who have given me valuable assistance during my term of office.

In my report I shall not refer particularly to the banquets given me, only to state that in every instance, except one at my request, a most enjoyable hour was spent, and the best of good fellowship prevailed.

Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell : In accordance with instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master, I handed the brethren of this lodge their Warrant, and consecrated their hall September 30th. In this I was ably assisted by R. W. Bros. Northwood, Wilson, May, Reid, and V. W. Bro. Rowan, of Ottawa, and R. W. Bro.

Smith, of District No. 21. Many other Ottawa brethren accompanied me and rendered valuable assistance in the ceremonies of consecrating, constituting and dedicating the hall, after which R. W. Bros. Northwood and Wilson installed the officers. The lodge is ample and well appointed, and the brethren of Russell lodge start out with bright prospects. At the entertainment instructive addresses were delivered by many of the distinguished brethren present. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and took part in the ceremonies : R. W. Bro. R. W. Kenning, as G. M. ; R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, as D. G. M. ; R. W. Bro. Smith (District 21), as D. D. G. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. S. Reid, as G. S. W. ; W. Bro. A. E. Cowan, as G. J. W. ; R. W. Bro. Reveller, as G. Treasurer ; W. Bro. Putman, as G. Secretary ; R. W. Bro. W. Northwood, as Grand Chaplain ; R. W. Bro. A. Dorey, as G. Organist ; V. W. Bro. Rowan, as G. D. of C. ; W. Bro. W. Sproule, as G. S. D. ; W. Bro. C. Scott, as G. J. D. ; Bros. H. May, Lawson, Shanks, Grant, as G. Stewards ; Bro. I. Carlton, as G. Purs. ; also W. Bros. Shane, Armstrong, Parlow and Hawkins. R. W. Bros. Northwood and Wilson installed the following officers : W. Bro. D. Wishart, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. Walter Rowan, I. P. M. ; Bro. P. B. Proudfoot, S. W. ; Bro. W. McKeown, J. W. ; Bro. I. B. Robinson, Chaplain ; Bro. J. A. Fielding, Treasurer ; Bro. W. H. Lowrie, Secretary ; Bro. Duncan McArthur, S. D. ; Bro. A. W. P. Lowrie, J. D. ; Bros. MacDougal and I. W. Lowrie, Stewards ; Bro. John Hemington, D. of C. ; Bro. J. A. Saddler, I. G. ; Bro. C. F. McArthur, Tyler.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264 : Official visit December 9. The good natured rivalry existing among the Ottawa lodges compelled the brethren of this lodge to make a special effort in the work of the M.M. degree, and I am pleased to say their efforts were crowned with success. Seldom have I seen the work so impressively done. The attendance was very large, many Grand Lodge officers being present. During the evening it was my pleasure to present P. M. jewels to W. Bro. Robt. Stewart and W. Bro. Thos. T. Stoddart.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark : Accompanied by W. Bros. E. G. Shane, of Ottawa, and MacIntosh, of Carleton Place, I visited this lodge October 1. There being no work, the lodge opened and closed in the three

degrees, after which I offered a few suggestions to the brethren, all of whom are deeply interested in the work, but are seriously handicapped in being so far from a railroad, which prevents intercourse with other lodges. A pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond : I visited this lodge at the regular meeting March 17, and was disappointed that no work was to be done. The opening and closing in the three degrees was satisfactory. There was a good attendance, many members and officers driving in over the almost impassible country roads. The Secretary's books are well kept. A pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp : I visited this lodge March 13th, and found only a fair attendance, due to the fact that many members and some officers live many miles from the village. W. Bro. T. A. Brown worked a first degree, which was done in a satisfactory manner, the officers giving him good support throughout. A pleasant duty awaited me here, that of presenting a P. M. jewel to W. Bro. Geo. H. Groves, who, from the efficient work he is doing in this lodge, deserved the recognition at the hands of his brethren.

Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa : I visited this lodge April 10th, and was pleased to see such a good attendance of members and visitors, a practice highly commendable in all the Ottawa lodges. The work for the evening was a second degree, which was exemplified in a most creditable manner by the W. M., W. Bro. E. C. Wright. The lecture was clearly and impressively delivered by the S. Warden, and the other officers were all familiar with their duties and did their work satisfactorily. An enjoyable time was spent at the banquet.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior : I visited this lodge March 9. The W. M., W. Bro. Steele, presented a third for my inspection, the work being fairly well done. The routine work showed careful preparation. A goodly number was in attendance.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte : At the regular meeting, November 1, W. Bro. McCarthy and his officers presented a first for my inspection. The work was well done. The J. Warden's lecture was delivered by W. Bro. Steele, and the charge to the candidate by W. Bro. Kelly.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 476, North Gower : I visited this lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. T. G. Shane, of Ottawa, and Bro. John Hawkins, and was much pleased at the work, which consisted of two seconds by W. Bro. Cryderman and his able staff of officers. I found everything in good condition, and Secretary's books were well and clearly kept.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place : I visited this lodge November 13, accompanied by V. W. Bro. J. H. Leach. The M. M. degree was the work of the evening, and was fairly well done. The W. M., W. Bro. J. R. Hamilton, and his staff of officers have the work well in hand, but deliver it much too fast thus failing to impress the candidate with the beauty and solemnity of the degree.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa : I was much pleased with my visit here March 6th. The first degree was exceedingly well done by the W. M., W. Bro. W. H. Graham, every part of it being delivered in a clear and impressive manner, which could not fail to impress the candidate and the large number of brethren present. W. Bro. Graham was highly complimented and warmly congratulated for the excellent manner in which he discharged his duties, while the J. Warden was given his share of praise for the satisfactory manner in which he delivered the lecture. A tasty and attractive fourth degree brought the very pleasant evening to an early close.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa : A very large attendance of members and visitors greeted me at the regular meeting of this lodge February 14th. The W. M., W. Bro. J. W. C. Roberts, worked a first degree in a faultless manner, the officers giving good proof of being thoroughly familiar with the work. At this meeting I had the extreme pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. J. R. Reid with a P. M. jewel, also a Grand Lodge officer's regalia, he having had the honor of being elected Grand Senior Warden at the last communication of the Grand Lodge held in Ottawa, July, 1907.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa : I was much pleased at the regular meeting, November 19th, to see such a large turnout of the brethren, there being 59 members and 117 visitors present. I was accompanied by a deputation of over 25, chiefly Grand Lodge officers. The W. M., W. Bro. W. L. Joyne, and his officers presented

a third for my inspection. It was worked in a very impressive manner, and was highly satisfactory in every respect. A most enjoyable time was spent afterwards, the music and speeches being thoroughly enjoyed.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke : I paid my official visit to this, my mother lodge, February 6th. This was the regular meeting, and the work consisted of a first and second, both being put on by W. Bro. O. G. Copeland and his efficient staff of officers. The Junior Warden received the congratulations of the brethren for the masterly manner in which he delivered the lecture. There was a large attendance of members, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa : I was much pleased to meet such a large attendance of the brethren here, at the regular meeting February 28th, being accompanied on this occasion by R. W. Bro. Dr. Josephs, P. D. D. G. M., and Bros. J. P. Millar and Dr. Snedden, of Pembroke. W. Bro. Rosenthal, W. M., worked a second degree in a fairly effective manner. The officers are well posted, each doing his work satisfactorily, especially the Junior Warden. Here, as at all city lodges, many G. L. officers and Past Masters were present, which gives strength and creates enthusiasm in the younger members. A most pleasant time was spent afterwards in song, speech and music.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew : I paid my official visit to this lodge November 4th. There being no work, the opening and closing in the different degrees was done without fault. The officers are competent and the work is sure to be well done. I was much pleased to see present R. W. Bro. David Barr and W. Bro. Hay. The lodge is in good financial condition. The Secretary's books are well and neatly kept.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa : About 150 members welcomed me at this lodge March 10th, together with many brethren from outside places, among them being W. Bro. Alfred Thompson, M. P., Dawson City, Yukon ; W. Bro. John Stanfield, M. P., Truro, N. S., and W. Bro. N. J. Woodside, Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, W. M., presented a third degree, which was exceptionally well done, every officer doing his part most creditably, which with the excellency of the music made the work on the whole some-

what superior to that of lodges that do not possess equal advantages.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville : The work presented here for my inspection, February 10th, was a third degree, and was fairly well done by the W. M., W. Bro. Gourley. Duty compels me to call attention to the Junior Warden, who was entirely unfamiliar with the work or duty of his office. This lamentable lack of knowledge may arise from the fact that the brother has been a member of the Craft for about a year, and should not have been elected to the office. A scarcity of members, poor and irregular attendance of those near by, and the removal or absence from the village of Past Masters, may be the chief reason why this occurred, which only goes to prove the extreme difficulty of keeping up a lodge in a small place.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden : Owing to a misunderstanding I did not visit this lodge in May as intended, so that at the regular meeting, June 9, no work was to be done, a third having been exemplified at a previous meeting. Unfortunately the W. M., W. Bro. A. W. Mair, M. D., was called away before my reception by W. Bro. Murdock, P. M., so that I had no opportunity of judging the work in the East. The other officers are fairly familiar with the work, and the lodge has very good prospects.

SUSPENSIONS.

W. Bro. Robt. Russell, Bro. Cursow L. Russell, of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke. Bro. Geo. M. Dalglish, Bro. Robt. J. Johnson, Bro. Rockliffe Rowan, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa. Bro. T. C. King, Bro. William Stewart, of Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa. All for non-payment of dues.

DEATHS.

During the year the following deaths were reported : R. W. Bro. Rev. Robt. Campbell, Past Grand Chaplain ; R. W. Bro. N. W. Cleary, P. D. D. G. M. ; W. Bro. Thomas B. Muir, of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew. Bro. John Sweetman, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa. Bro. Geo. Learmouth, Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Abitibi. Bro. Wm. Hill, St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place. Bro. John Cockburn, Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke. Bro. Chas. A. Forsythe, Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte.

RESTORATIONS.

Bro. G. S. Blasdel, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52. Ottawa;
Bro. Frank W. Johnston, Dalhousie Lodge. No. 52.
Ottawa.

In conclusion, I desire to thank those brethren who have so ably assisted me in the discharge of my official duties. I have been most loyally received in every lodge which I visited, and wish to express the hope that I may live to see many of the brethren who have thus honored me discharge the duties of this honorable position.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

R. W. KENNING, D. D. G. M.,

Ottawa District No. 16.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It affords me very great pleasure to present to you the report of my official acts as District Deputy Grand Master and upon the condition of Masonry in the Algoma District, No. 17, for the past year.

Upon being notified of my appointment I appointed V. W. Bro. F. C. Perry, District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. Rowand, District Chaplain.

My first official act was to write a circular letter to all the lodges in this district, drawing their attention to several matters, and particularly to the Semi-Centennial Fund. Two of the lodges in this jurisdiction have paid their quota in full, and I have had promises from the other lodges that they will take this matter up and pay their part in the near future.

I have officially visited all the lodges in this district once, and would have liked to have paid more visits, but owing to the great area over which the lodges are situated, this was not possible for me to do. I am pleased to find that the work done by the Secretaries of the different lodges is of a high standard.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the past year three deaths in our ranks have been reported to me. Fort William lodge lost two members and Shuniah one member.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I attended at Dryden on October 8th, 1907, for the purpose of instituting Golden Star Lodge. I was accompanied from Fort William by R. W. Bro. A. McDougall and some members of the Royal Lodge, and was assisted at the institution by P. D. D. G. M's R. W. Bros. D. T. Ferguson, A. Moore, A. McDougall, J. K. Bryden, and W. Bro. Pinch, of Pequonga Lodge, and several

Past Masters and Master Masons from Pequonga and other lodges.

I visited Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora, on May 18th, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. Edmund Pinch, and officers exemplified the first degree in a creditable manner. I found this lodge in a very flourishing condition.

I visited Lake-of-the-Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora, May 19th, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. W. A. Wilson, and officers exemplified the third degree, assisted by several Past Masters. I found this lodge, while not large, being conducted in an excellent manner, and composed of officers who are very bright Masons.

I visited Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin, May 20th, 1908. Bro. L. D. McColl and officers exemplified the third degree in a first-class manner. This is a nice, cosy, harmonious lodge, and the brethren are all in unity.

I visited Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River, May 22nd, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. A. W. Walsh, and officers initiated a candidate, and I found them to be well skilled indeed. A very interesting part of this visit was a number of American Masons, who were visiting with them that evening. This lodge is progressing very well indeed, and has fully paid up its amount of Semi-Centennial Fund.

I visited Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Francis, May 23rd, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. Wright, and officers exemplified the third degree, and it is needless for me to say that the work was done in a first-class manner. R. W. Bro. Hollands, P. D. D. G. M., was present, and assisted in the work. The future of this lodge is very bright indeed, and is composed of a lot of fine Masons. They have recently moved into a new room, nicely furnished, bright and cheerful surroundings, which will act as an incentive to continue their good work. I have to compliment them on having fully paid their part of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

I visited Golden Star Lodge, Dryden, under dispensation, May 26th, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. W. A. Quibbell, and officers exemplified the first and third degrees. I was pleased indeed to find the Master and officers so very well able to do their work. Since the institution of this lodge they have had a very large increase, and have now 49 members. They are presenting their minute book and register at this meeting of Grand Lodge in the hope of getting a charter.

I visited Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William, June 10th, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. John Armstrong, and officers initiated two candidates. There was a very large attendance at this meeting, and this lodge is progressing very fast. They have had some delay in the building of their new temple, which was at a standstill over winter, but I am happy now to report that work is again under way, and they hope to have it completed in the late part of this summer, when they will have one of the finest Masonic homes in the west. During the past year death has claimed two members of this lodge, Bros. Allan Pinkerton and Duncan McKenzie.

I visited Royal Lodge, No. 453, the lodge of which I am a member, on June 24th, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. D. McK. Mitchell, and officers exemplified the second degree in the usual manner of Royal Lodge officers, who, under the watchful eye of V. W. Bro. F. C. Perry, Secretary, are always fully up to the mark.

I visited Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, June 30th, 1908. The W. M., W. Bro. G. H. Rapsev, and officers exemplified three third degrees on candidates in a very creditable manner indeed. I am sorry to report that this lodge, having had their building burned last November, are almost without a home, and they are certainly greatly handicapped in this respect, but the brethren are fully determined that they will have a new lodge room before long which will be a credit to the members of Shuniah Lodge. During the past year death has claimed one member of this lodge, Bro. Isaac Erikella.

Masonry throughout this district I have found in a flourishing condition, and there is nothing but good feeling and brotherly love prevailing throughout.

I would take this opportunity of sincerely thanking the brethren for electing me to the high and honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master and for the many kindnesses that I have received at the hands of the brethren while performing my duties.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. H. PERRY, D. D. G. M..

Algoma District No. 17.

NIPISSING DISTRICT, NO. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Ontario, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report of the condition of Masonry in this district for the past Masonic year. Before taking up the report in detail, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the representatives of the various lodges at the last meeting of Grand Lodge for the very high honor which they conferred on me by electing me as the local representative head of the M. W. the Grand Master, and to express the hope that my feeble efforts for the Craft have been in the right direction. I also wish to thank the incumbent of the Grand Secretary's chair for many kindnesses and valuable assistance rendered, and to express the hope that he may long be spared to Grand Lodge in particular and the Craft in general.

I appointed W. Bro. F. E. Pitts, P. M. of Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, District Chaplain, and Bro. A. E. Way, M. M. of Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, District Secretary. The services rendered by the District Secretary were much appreciated, and I wish to publicly thank him for same. He was untiring in his efforts to relieve me of much clerical work, and was at all times ready and willing to assist in any way possible that offered.

The general condition of the Craft in the district is in a most healthy state, harmony prevails throughout, and all lodges appear to have but one object in view, the true exemplification of Masonry wherever and whenever opportunity affords. All the lodge rooms are commodious and comfortable, and some of them are expensively fitted out. The dues are fairly well collected, and with the exception of two lodges are all that can be desired. I directed the especial attention of the officers in charge of these lodges to this, and I have the promise that they

will be attended to. All lodges carry insurance. Masonry is on the increase in a very marked degree, and the lodges are most careful in the selection of their material. I also asked them to be careful in the selection of their affiliates, and that while they ought to make every effort to have non-affiliates join, yet to make close enquiry into all who came to the portals of their lodge room.

All the lodges have been visited during the year. Four were visited once each, five were visited twice each, one was visited three times, and three were visited on five different occasions. In order to accomplish this I was obliged to travel over five thousand miles. The degree work on all occasions was fairly well done, and while that is true of all, I would be remiss in my report if I did not especially mention the work presented to me by Keystone Lodge No. 412, Nickel Lodge No. 427, Temiskaming Lodge No. 462, and the two new lodges at Haileybury and Cobalt. All these lodges are second to none so far as the exemplification of the work is concerned.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the year just ended the Reaper has again visited the district and has demanded a heavy toll. Six out of the thirteen lodges have had to mourn the loss of departed brethren. The following have been reported to me : Bro. Thos. Flesher, M. M. Dymont Lodge, No. 442 ; Bro. Jas. E. Young, Nipissing Lodge, No. 420 ; Bro. T. G. S. McAmmond, M. M. Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447 ; Bro. Amos W. Cunningham, M. M. St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound ; Arthur E. Franch, P. M. Strong Lodge, No. 423, and Bro. C. Culver, M. M. Dymont Lodge, No. 442.

SUSPENSIONS.

I regret to have to report that Suspension for N. P. D. has been one cause for the loss of some members, and during my visitations I laid stress on all the officers to do their utmost to reduce this cause of loss in our ranks, and I can only hope that such will be the result. I am pleased to say that four lodges have succeeded in again restoring some of those who were without the fold, and they deserve our commendation.

DEDICATIONS.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master I had the pleasure of dedicating two new lodge rooms. On No-

vember 13th, assisted by W. Bros. Jos. Ellerton, B. H. T. Turner and J. B. Wallace, of Doric Lodge ; J. Johnston, of Gore Bay Lodge ; T. E. Williams, of Thessalon, and other distinguished brethren, I dedicated the new lodge rooms of Gore Bay Lodge, No. 472. Their new quarters presented a most pleasing appearance, and all were of the opinion that for the size of the town better could not be desired. Unfortunately they were again visited by fire during the winter, but by good fortune saved all or nearly all their furnishings, etc. I have since visited them, and no appearance of the conflagration is noticeable.

On Friday, the 15th day of May, with the assistance of W. Bros. W. J. Cressy, Jos. Fowler, G. A. Montgomery, J. A. Orr, R. S. Mitchell, R. Dorsett, of Nickel Lodge, No. 427 ; J. B. Wallace, of Doric Lodge, No. 455 ; Jesse Bradford, of Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447 ; S. Weager, of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420 ; T. Darling and many other distinguished brethren, I dedicated the new lodge rooms of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420. The brethren of North Bay are to be congratulated on their large and commodious quarters, and I bespeak continued prosperity for this lodge.

INSTITUTIONS.

It does not often fall to the lot of one D. D. G. M. to institute three new lodges. Such, however, has been my good fortune. Early in my official year I received a petition from the brethren of the town of Cobalt praying that letters of dispensation be granted for a lodge there. In due course the M. W. the Grand Master granted their request, and on December 17th I instituted Silver Lodge, U. D., in that town. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, and Silver Lodge starts out with the brightest prospects. On the 22nd of August I received a petition from the brethren of the town of Haileybury praying for a dispensation for a lodge there. In due course this was also granted, and on the 18th of December, assisted by many distinguished visitors, I instituted Haileybury Lodge, U. D. This lodge started out with a charter membership of thirty-nine. They have furnished their rooms most elaborately, and are supplying a want that was in existence there for some little time. I feel that this ought to be one of the best lodges in the district. On the 7th of January I received another petition from

the brethren of the town of Blind River. I had visited this town in the month of November, as I had heard that a petition was likely to come from that place. The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to grant their request, and on the 9th day of March, by direction of the Grand Master, I instituted Penewobikong Lodge, U. D., there. Their charter list contained twenty-two applicants ; they ought to do well. I have not had an opportunity to visit them again, and will leave the report of this new lodge to my successor. I may, however, be permitted to say that the officers and members are very enthusiastic, and I bespeak a prosperous career for this the youngest lodge in the district.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

It was my good fortune to hold three Lodges of Instruction in the district during the year.

On the 27th of March we had one at Haileybury. The attendance was away beyond my most sanguine expectations, 101 members signed the register, and all entered into the work with a vim and zeal that augurs well for Masonry in this section of the district. The work was divided as follows : Haileybury Lodge, U. D., put on the first work ; Silver Lodge, U. D., Cobalt, the second, and Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, of New Liskeard, exemplified the third degree. To attempt to particularize would be unfair to those whose names are not mentioned in the putting on of the work. All deserve and have my commendation. If, however, I may be permitted to single out one from the rest, then I desire to make special mention of the work of Bro. J. I. Rankin, J. W. of Haileybury Lodge. His rendition was, without a doubt, faultless, and when his enthusiasm for the Order is considered, I am sure that he will add great lustre to it.

On the 28th of April I held a second one at Sault Ste. Marie, under a dispensation granted to Keystone Lodge, No. 412. Here the attendance was 190, including the W. M's and P. M's of Keystone No. 412, Dymont No. 442, Algoma No. 469, Penewobikong U. D., Bethel No. 358, Sault, Mich., as also F. H. W. Hickling, P. M., Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton ; A. H. Johnston, P. M. of Manitou Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood, and Thomas Kershaw, P. M. of Albany Lodge, No. 432, England. I assigned the first degree to Penewobikong Lodge, U. D. This lodge, you must bear in mind, was

instituted on the 6th of March. They did their work in a most creditable manner, and received the congratulations of all, and they certainly deserved them. Dyment Lodge conferred the second, and while it lacked a certain amount of finish, the work was well done, and I bespeak good results from our efforts there. Keystone Lodge, No. 412, exemplified the third degree. Their work was faultless, complete in every detail, the appointments perfect, and their rendition of that degree of excellence which left nothing to be said but "Well done, Keystone."

On the 15th of May, under the warrant of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay, I held another Lodge of Instruction there. The work on this occasion was divided as follows : Nipissing Lodge was assigned the first degree, Sturgeon Falls the second, and Nickel Lodge, of Sudbury, the third degree. I do not desire to specialize as to the work of any of the lodges, that would be unfair to the others. They all did well and deserve great credit for their exemplification of the principles as existing, but it would also be unfair to Nickel Lodge, No. 427, if I did not say that their portrayal was most life like, effective and inspiring. The attendance was large, and five lodges were represented at this meeting. It will thus be seen that of the thirteen lodges in the district nine took part in one or other of the Lodges of Instruction, and the whole of the lodges were represented at one or other of them, while the three new lodges which have been instituted during the year took an active part, Silver Lodge, Cobalt, working the second ; Haileybury Lodge, Haileybury, working the first, and Penewobikong Lodge, of Blind River, also working the first.

DISPENSATIONS.

A number of dispensations were applied for and obtained. They were chiefly for the purpose of attending divine service. A detailed report of these will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary dealing with this matter.

VISITS.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa : Visited this lodge December 27th, the festival of St. John the Evangelist. W. Bro. J. H. Bell, P. M., presided in the East in the absence of the W. M. Meeting regular. Attendance large for this lodge. Work, first degree, conferred

in a most impressive manner. Here I desire to make special mention of the excellence of the work of the J. W., Bro. J. D. McDonald, who is a most efficient officer. Owing to the removal of many of the Past Masters from town, due to quietness in business, this lodge is somewhat hampered in its work, but what it lacks in numbers is fully made up in enthusiasm and earnestness. Harmony is a marked feature, and sociability reigns supreme. This lodge is in good hands, and with such stalwarts as W. Bro. Bell and Bros. Ross, J. D. McDonald and Rowan Legg, the latter being Secretary, Mattawa will always stand to the forefront of Masonry.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie : Visited January 7th. Regular. Attendance large. W. Bro. T. E. Simpson, W. M. This lodge is in a most flourishing condition, the finances are in a healthy shape, the officers are thorough, the committees up to date, the lodge dues are well looked after, and the P. M's efficient, zealous and enthusiastic. The appointments, rooms, furniture, etc., which are shared by Algoma Lodge, No. 469, are all that can be desired, and the brethren vie with each other in the good work. Harmony prevails in a marked degree. The work of the evening was the third degree, which was put on in a faultless manner. One feature of this lodge is the preparation of the candidates before advancement and examination in all the work of all the degrees. Thoroughness is required of all initiates, and to such a degree of perfection is this carried out that any one raised is qualified to fill any or all offices. This state of efficiency is in a great measure due to the originality of the W. M., who keeps the P. M's in close touch with the work all the time. He also divides the work of the evening with the members on the side benches, so that all are at all times interested. Too much cannot be said of the interest evinced by the "old guard" of the lodge, and their name is legion.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay : Visited this lodge December 9th. They met in Oddfellows' Hall on the occasion, by permission of the M. W. the Grand Master, owing to the expiry of their lease of their lodge room. Meeting regular. Attendance about 75. W. Bro. McCubin, W. M., in the chair. Work, first degree. Owing to their removal to these temporary rooms, the work was not all that could be desired, and the W. M.

informed me that he would not attempt to do any more work until they were again in rooms of their own. He is a most zealous and efficient officer, and the lodge is to be congratulated in its possession of him. Special mention must also be made of the Secretary, Bro. R. L. Dudley, who is untiring in his efforts to bring the lodge to the forefront, and I have no doubt that he will be successful. Revisited this lodge on the 15th of May, the occasion being the dedication of their new lodge rooms. Their new Masonic home is all that can be desired, their rooms are large, airy, well furnished and up to date. The brethren are zealous and energetic, and all are working together. Their work on this occasion was the first degree and it was well done. This lodge has not subscribed anything to the S. C. Benevolent Fund this year, owing to the fact of the heavy expenses necessary to the furnishing of their rooms, but both the W. M. elect and the Secretary have promised that they will not be found wanting when the next call comes. This lodge is still too far behind in its dues, but there is a great improvement from last year, and this also was promised first consideration. I feel convinced that the next year will witness a great revival in the interests of Masonry in this beautiful town.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury : Visited April 29th. W. Bro. R. S. Mitchell, W. M. Emergent. Attendance fair. Among those present were R. W. Bro. Arthur, V. W. Bros. C. R. Reid and R. Dorsett, and W. Bros. J. A. Orr, Jos. Fowler, Evans, J. S. Gill and W. J. Cressy. Appointments and furnishings excellent, and the brethren are justly proud of their quarters. Work, first degree, exemplification of same good. This lodge lays a great deal of stress on detail in the exemplification of the work, and its officers appear to be well selected. The W. M. is a most efficient officer, and has the hearty support of all. A feature of this lodge is the fact that all its Past Masters are still resident in town, with one exception, and each one is as enthusiastic now as he was before election. Sociability a marked feature.

Dymment Lodge, No. 442, Thessalon : Visited March 10th. In the absence of W. Bro. J. H. R. Elliott, W. M., who was ill, W. Bro. T. E. Williams, P. M., occupied the East. Emergent. Attendance fair. Work, first degree. The wording was good, but the floor work lacked

that accuracy and precision which is so essential to effectiveness, and I would suggest that this lodge interchange visits with its near neighbors and that the Past Masters assist the officers and members in the study of the work. After the work of the evening adjournment to the dining room brought out the expression of sociability in a most marked manner. All are filled with that kindly spirit that I feel convinced Dymont Lodge will yet rank high in excellence of work and close conformity to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, Sturgeon Falls : Visited November 14th. Emergent meeting. W. Bro. Jesse Bradford, W. M., in the chair. Attendance good. The work of the evening was the third degree, which was presented in a most satisfactory manner, all the officers sustaining their parts efficiently and effectively. This lodge had been reported to me as requiring special attention. I therefore made this early visit. We had quite a long chat as to the prospects of the lodge, and from all I could gather I am satisfied that they will do well. The S. C. Benevolent Fund was taken up, as were all the arrearages of dues, and I was assured that both would receive their close attention. Sociability a marked feature. Revisited this lodge on the 15th of June. On this occasion there was no work. The brethren had fulfilled all their promises of the previous meeting. The S. C. B. Fund has all been paid up, the dues are in a much better condition, and the brethren present a united front. Owing to a little dullness from a business standpoint of the town, the lodge suffers likewise, but they are all hopeful. I was sorry that, owing to the illness of Mrs. Bradford, the W. M. was unable to be present. V. W. Bro. J. C. Stewart, of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, who happened to be a visitor, presided at the meeting. He is a frequent visitor of the lodge, and the brethren of Sturgeon Falls look upon him as part and parcel of themselves. This lodge will do well in the future.

Doric Lodge, No. 455, Little Current : Visited June 17th. Emergent. Attendance twenty. W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, W. M., in the chair. The work of the evening was the first degree. Under the guidance of W. Bro. Wallace, W. M., this lodge has had a very successful year. Their increase has been good, their material

well selected, the S. C. B. Fund has been fully subscribed, their dues outstanding have been materially reduced, and their prospects from every standpoint seem to be the very best. A feature of their banquet was the presence of several clergymen, not members of the craft, who sat and waited patiently for our arrival at the supper room, and who, though not members, appeared to vie with the members to do me honor. Too much cannot be said on behalf of the zeal and energy displayed by Bro. Wallace, and I can but express the hope that he may long be spared to engage in the good work.

Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462 : Visited March 13th. Meeting emergent. Attendance large. W. Bro. A. V. Summers, W. M. Work, first degree. This lodge prides itself in the excellence of its floor work, for which they are noted, and which reputation was well sustained on this occasion. They are the only lodge in the district who own the building in which their rooms are situated. The lodge is prosperous, their rooms are all that can be desired, their appointments good, their finances in a healthy shape, S. C. B. Fund long since paid up, and their Past Masters take as much interest in the work to-day as before their election to the chair. I need hardly say that this lodge will continue to do well.

Algoma Lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie : Visited January 8th. Meeting regular. Attendance about 40. W. Bro. Geo. Fisher, W. M. Work of the evening, first degree. This lodge instals its officers on the 27th of December, and as a consequence this was the first meeting at which Bro. Fisher presided. He makes an excellent Master, and I am sure that this lodge will do well during the year that it is presided over by him. Algoma Lodge, with its sister Keystone, form a large, happy family, and the help rendered to each other and the sympathy displayed is very noticeable to a visitor there. This lodge is doing good work.

Gore Bay Lodge, No. 472, Gore Bay : Visited this lodge on the 13th of November last, on instruction from the M. W. the Grand Master, for the purpose of dedicating their lodge rooms, a report of which will be found elsewhere in this report. This little town nestles at the foot of a deep bay on the north shore of the Island of Manitoulin. The town, the people, and the lodge are all that can be expected. On the 8th of February these

brethren were visited by the fire fiend for the second time. Fortunately, however, they managed to save the most of their effects, and thus their loss was trifling. To many this would have been discouraging, not so with these zealous workers. Like the busy beaver, they at once looked about for temporary quarters, which they found in the Orange Hall. Application was made to hold meetings there until such time as their own rooms would be ready again. The M. W. the Grand Master acceded to their request. They set to work with a will, and on the 16th of June I had the pleasure of revisiting them again in their own Masonic home. The work of the evening was the third degree. W. Bro. W. G. White presided. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the energy and zeal of W. Bro. J. Johnston, P. M., and Bro. C. C. Platt, a most efficient Secretary. They are born leaders of men. S. C. B. Fund paid in full, dues all paid except the small sum of \$3.00, and harmony prevails within the portals.

Silver Lodge, U. D., Cobalt : This lodge was instituted on the 17th of December. It started out with a membership of 24, and has made steady progress since its institution. I visited them on four subsequent occasions, and had an opportunity of witnessing their work in all the degrees, and can testify to their proficiency in the work. Their lodge room is of fair size, but is amply sufficient for their present needs, their appointments are good, and I can only express the hope that Grand Lodge may see its way clear to issue their warrant at the coming meeting this month.

Haileybury Lodge, U. D., Haileybury : This lodge was instituted on December 18th. It started out with a charter membership of 39, and has increased this to 69 by initiations and affiliations. I also visited this lodge on four subsequent occasions, and had an opportunity of witnessing all the degrees conferred. The work is well done and detail as to floor work is very pronounced. Their lodge room is large, airy and commodious, their furniture of the best, and their appointments of a nature to satisfy the most fastidious. Grand Lodge will make no mistake if a warrant is issued at the coming meeting of that body.

Penewobikong Lodge, U. D., Blind River : This lodge was instituted on the 9th of March. These brethren started out with a membership of 22. Their addi-

tions to their ranks are composed of five initiations and two affiliations. Their lodge room is large enough to fulfil their wants for some time to come, the ceiling is a little low, but it was the best that could be obtained at the time, and beyond being a little close in the hot summer months, it will be and is all right. Their furnishings are good, and other appointments, including refreshment room, are well adapted to their needs. I did not have an opportunity to visit these good brethren again, as the distance was too great, and I leave it to my successor to report on their progress.

During the last month of my official year I was consulted by several brethren from the town of Massey as to the prospects of obtaining letters of dispensation for a lodge at that town. I was unable to examine this locality, and will leave this matter to be dealt with by my successor. I may be permitted to say, however, that the reports obtained are of such a character that a lodge there ought to flourish.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

In reference to S. C. B. Fund, I beg to report that, taking the district as a whole, it is meeting with much favor. It is true that some lodges are still on the debit side of the ledger, but when you consider that the most enthusiastic Masons are the ones who paid in to this fund first, and that there was left the sum of some \$715.50 to be still collected when my term began, I am sure you will agree with me that the showing is good. I took every opportunity at my disposal to bring this laudable undertaking before the notice of the brethren, and I met with most hearty response in almost every occasion. There was not a single lodge but said that they would sooner or later show a clean sheet, and I look forward that in the course of the next twelve months there will no longer remain a debit to any of our lodges in the Nipissing District. Further than this, a number of the lodges have undertaken to continue the collection of the sum originally stipulated, viz., \$3.00, from each new initiate, and which they propose to send in annually to the Grand Secretary, until such time as the whole amount, as first intended, will be subscribed. I attach herewith a statement of the condition of this fund so far as information at my disposal at the moment warrants, which will explain itself.

In conclusion, I wish again to be permitted to express

my sincere thanks to the representatives of the lodges who so kindly and generously elected me to the high office, and to say that no one knows better than I do that all that ought to have been done was not done, but I hope that the year has been of benefit to us all and that the imperfections discovered will be covered over with that broad "mantle of charity," which is one of the characteristics of Masons.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT RE THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND IN NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18.

I beg herewith to enclose likewise a detailed report dealing with the condition of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund in District No. 18. In this report you will notice that six of the ten lodges which were in existence in 1904, when the scheme was first put into shape, have contributed in full as was asked. Of the six who are in this position two have overpaid, as follows: Sudbury brethren of Nickel Lodge have to their credit \$63.00. and Gore Bay Lodge, of Gore Bay, \$3.00. In addition, you will notice that two of the three lodges which have been instituted during the year have made a voluntary subscription, *e. g.*, Haileybury Lodge, Haileybury, \$75.00. and the young lodge of Penewobikong, at Blind River, have contributed the sum of \$69.00. Of the four lodges who have not completed their subscription to this worthy object all have assured me that the next year will see them clear, and I have no doubt but that that will be realized. As the fund stands at present this district only owes the sum of \$72.50 to complete all its payments as was originally intended. You will notice that it has to its credit \$210.00 overpaid, while the balance due, as shown on the last column, there is a debit balance of only \$282.50.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. W. HAENTSCHEL, D. D. G. M.,

Nipissing District, No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table Showing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 18, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	MEMBERSHIP.		DEGREE'S CONFR.			AFFILIATIONS.	RESTORATIONS.	RESIGNATIONS.	SUSPENSIONS.	N. P. D.	SUSPENSIONS, OTHER CAUSES.	DECEASED.	MEETINGS HELD.			AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.	AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.	NO. OF MEMBERS 12 MONTHS IN ARREARS.	TOTAL OF ALL ARREARAGES.	DATE OF LAST G. L. RETURN.	FINANCIAL STANDING.	PROSPECTS OF LODGE.	CAN W. M. WORK ALL DEGREES.	INSURANCE.
		INCREASE DURING YEAR.	DECREASE DURING YEAR.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.								REGULAR.	EMERGENCY.	TOTAL.									
005 Mattawa....	Mattawa.....	85	1	2	...	1	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	11	11	...	\$18 00	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 600 00
112 Keyston....	Sault S. Marie....	254	6	15	14	13	5	1	4	6	...	4	13	29	42	34	75 00	1	75 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1800 00	
120 Nipissing...	North Bay.....	148	15	20	9	3	4	11	...	...	...	...	1	13	25	32	109 00	46	290 75	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Best ever	Yes	10 00 00	
227 Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	167	13	20	6	7	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	13	5	18	25	231 80	16	89 25	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
442 Dymont.....	Tuesalon.....	86	6	8	6	11	2	4	...	...	...	...	1	12	12	31	32	...	12	213 00	Dec. 27, '07	V. y. Good	Good	Yes	300 00
447 Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	62	5	5	10	9	...	1	...	...	...	2	10	6	16	18	5 00	19	150 00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
555 Doric.....	Little Current...	74	8	12	8	7	1	...	3	2	...	...	...	12	9	21	18	59 12	12	60 50	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
562 Temiskag.	New Liskeard...	114	23	34	18	19	5	...	6	...	...	...	1	4	21	35	21	83 45	16	125 00	Jan. 17, '08	Good	Good	Yes	2000 00
469 Algonoma...	Sault S. Marie...	85	7	9	8	7	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	13	6	20	...	16	69 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	100 00	
472 Gore Bay...	Gore Bay.....	53	10	12	14	14	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	11	7	18	19	35 00	1	3 00	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
J. D. Silver.....	Cobalt.....	46	46	19	13	6	6	...	3	...	...	...	...	7	12	19	60 00	...	...	Jan. 8, '08	Good	Good	Yes	400 00	
J. D. Bailey b'ry.	Haileybury.....	69	68	23	15	5	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	11	18	24	42 50	...	34 00	Dec. 27, '07	V. y. Good	very good	Yes	900 00
J. D. Pem'ikong.	Blind River...	29	29	5	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	5	20	...	...	...	...	Good	Good	Yes	600 00

No.	Name	Members on roll '08	Amt. due at \$3 each	Amt. paid to July, 1907	Amt. paid 1907-08	Total Paid	Overpaid	Balance Due	No.	Name	Members on roll '01	Amt. due at \$3 each	Amt. paid to July, 1907	Amt. paid 1907-08	Total Paid	Overpaid	Balance Due
105	Mattawa...	89	\$267 00	\$254 00	\$13 00	\$267 00	...	...	432	Tenisk'ung	33	\$99 00	\$76 00	...	\$76 00	...	\$23 00
112	Koystone...	116	584 00	479 00	109 00	588 00	...	...	469	Alcoma...	64	192 00	114 00	64 00	178 00	...	14 00
120	Nipissing...	130	330 00	151 50	...	151 50	...	178 50	472	Gore Bay...	15	45 00	33 00	15 00	48 00	...	3 00
127	Nickel...	124	378 00	391 00	50 00	411 00	63 00	...	CD	Silver	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
142	Dymnet...	68	204 00	112 00	25 00	137 00	...	67 00	CD	Halleybury...	...	...	...	75 00	75 00	5 00	...
147	Sour'n n' Is	46	138 00	17 00	121 00	137 00	...	...	CD	Penew-kong	...	...	...	69 00	69 00	69 00	...
155	Doric...	65	195 00	147 00	48 00	195 00	...	...	...	...	812	\$2436 00	\$1774 50	...	236 00	210 00	282 50

Remarks—It will thus be seen that six of the ten Lodges have completed the payments asked for, while two have over paid, and two of the three new Lodges have made a voluntary subscription. I hope this meets with the approval of Grand Lodge.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT NO. 19.

to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in this district. I must first express my gratitude to the brethren for having elected me to fill the important and responsible position of D. D. G. M., and also to express to them my appreciation of the cordial treatment extended to me while paying my official visits.

Carrying out the suggestion of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, I am omitting names of distinguished brethren I met on my several visits. I am pleased to report that Masonry is in a flourishing condition in this district. The officers of the different lodges deserve compliments instead of criticism. In no case have I found friction, but the opposite prevails ; neither have I been called upon to adjust any grievances, the officers being eager for any suggestions that would assist in greater proficiency. On entering on my duties my first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Major D. M. Grant, of Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville, as my District Secretary, and I am greatly indebted to him for his able assistance. He signified his appreciation by accompanying me on every official visit. Throughout the district I urged the claims of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and I think our discussions will have good results. The non-resident members are the ones who show the greatest apathy towards the scheme. The older members of one lodge are much opposed to contributing, but I feel disposed to say that this feeling is rapidly disappearing, and it is but a matter of time until they fall in line. It must be borne in mind that this is a year of depression, and the results cannot be expected to be as good as though very prosperous times prevailed.

DEATHS.

During the year I received notice of six deaths, viz. : W. Bro. A. E. French, Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge ; Bro. John R. Higgins and Bro. Wm. Sword, Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge ; Bro. Harry Brockwell, Bro. Chas. L. White, and Bro. J. W. Fitzgerald, Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound, all of whom were buried with Masonic honors.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I visited Powassen Lodge, No. 443, at their regular meeting on March 13th, 1908. The W. M. worked the first degree with credit to himself and to his lodge. The Wardens and the subordinate officers acquitted themselves creditably. I was very much impressed with the personnel of this lodge, and considered them rather above the average of lodges in places of similar size.

I visited Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge, at their regular meeting March 15th. The work in the first was fairly well exemplified by the W. M., and the J. W. is entitled to considerable praise for the manner in which he delivered the lecture.

I visited Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, at their regular meeting on April 6th. The W. M., for a very young Mason, deserves particular credit for the manner in which he handled his lodge, and exemplified the work in the first degree. This lodge has got comfortably installed in new quarters, and is now getting in good shape after the disastrous fire which destroyed their lodge and furniture two years ago. I was pleased to see that they escaped destruction in the recent fire. The books are neatly kept.

I visited Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound, at their regular meeting on the 15th of April. This is the wealthiest lodge in the district, and their quarters are handsome and convenient. The venerable W. M. exemplified the work in the first degree with credit to himself and his lodge. They have now an efficient Secretary, and the books are neat and accurate.

I visited Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge, on May 5th, at their regular meeting. This lodge had no degree work, but the time was well spent in discussing the merits of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and over a motion to attend divine service. This lodge has not made

a practice of attending divine service for many years, but I learn that the attempt this year was very successful, which shows an indication that a livelier interest is being taken in lodge affairs.

I visited Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst, at their regular meeting on May 11th. This is the only lodge in my district which exemplified the third degree. The W. M. certainly did great credit to himself by doing the work as nearly perfect as possible. This lodge is well furnished and well equipped. The books are neatly kept and the financial standing good.

I visited Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale, at their regular meeting April 21st. The W. M. exemplified the first degree, assisted by the I. P. M. The J. W. deserves credit for the manner in which he did his work. This lodge is handicapped through the members having to travel long distances to attend meetings, and at times they have difficulties in getting a quorum. They have no by-laws, and I urged on them to adopt a set so that all might work smoothly.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville : As this is my mother lodge, I did not visit it in an official capacity, as I am rarely if ever absent, and am in close touch with their work. As this lodge is the largest, and more degrees have been conferred in it than in any other lodge in the district during the year, one would naturally expect to find that the officers had attained a high degree of efficiency, and I am glad to say that this lodge will compare very favorably with any other in the district.

Throughout the district each lodge recognized the importance of an official visit from the D. D. G. M. and were present in goodly numbers.

The fourth degree in every instance was well conducted and reflected credit on the lodges. I wish to express my gratitude for the hospitality extended.

In conclusion, I wish to say that my term of office has been one of great pleasure and profit to me, and I trust that the benefits derived will be mutual. Again I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the honor conferred.

Fraternally submitted.

J. E. FISHER, D. D. G. M.,

Muskoka District, No. 19.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Muskoka District, No. 19, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, & P. D.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.		Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Mem- bership.	conf'd		increase during year.	decrease during year.																						
352	Granite.....	Parry Sound....	104	3	...	5	9	3	3	1	3	...	3	...	3	10	1	11	25	111	25	6	\$105 00	Dec., 1907	Good	very good	Yes	\$300 00	
360	Muskoka.....	Bracebridge....	70	...	...	2	3	4	3	1	...	...	2	...	2	11	1	12	20	15	00	20	60 00	June, 1908	Good	Good	Yes	350 00	
376	Unity.....	Huntsville.....	110	6	2	19	7	9	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	11	3	14	27	50	00	20	270 50	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	Yes	625 00	
409	Gol'n Rule.	Gravenhurst....	86	4	1	6	3	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	25	35	00	...	40 00	Jan., 1908	Good	Good	Yes	540 00	
423	Strong.....	Sundridge.....	69	5	...	7	4	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	12	2	14	14	60	00	15	40 00	Dec., 1907	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
434	Algonquin.	Ensdale.....	63	1	...	7	4	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	14	11	10	00	24	165 50	June, 1907	Good	Good	Yes	300 00	
443	Powassen....	Powassen.....	57	6	...	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	12	...	12	20	...	...	12	12 50	Not rept'd	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls....	53	5	...	8	7	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	14	1	15	15	...	...	12	46 00	Not rept'd	D bt \$250	Good	Good	Yes	300 00

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

It is particularly gratifying to be able to report that in Otonabee district Masonry continues to make marked and satisfactory progress, that the ancient landmarks of the Order are duly respected and observed, and that the brethren are everywhere evincing a lively interest in the welfare of the institution. The lodges are governed and directed by able, intelligent and capable officers, who seem to pride themselves on their earnest endeavors to do all things well. From this it is not to be inferred that the work is carried on in all lodges with the same precision, for all are not favored with the same fortunate conditions. Some have more opportunities than others for the practice of our ancient rites and ceremonies, and, whether it be in the performance of the work or in the exercise of the principles of Freemasonry, it is practice that makes perfect. It is not wise or judicious to make comparison between officers, particularly where each has faithfully discharged his duties as occasion requires, but a word of commendation cannot be withheld from those painstaking and efficient Secretaries whose books, records and accounts are kept with such neatness and exactness, and whose reports are always prepared and forwarded with such promptness. The membership of the various lodges shows commendable increase, and it is firmly believed that this has been attained with due regard to the quality of the material. Indeed, there is every evidence that the brethren have been scrupulously exacting in at all times demanding that candidates for admission must be good men and true.

The growth in membership and attendance has created a necessity in some places for larger and better accommodation. The brethren of Clementi Lodge, Lakefield, are finding their present quarters altogether too

small. The brethren of the Port Hope lodges have rented, and handsomely equipped, new rooms, which were regularly dedicated on May 7th, 1908. The brethren of Lorne Lodge, Omemee, were visited by a disastrous fire on December 13th, 1907, which resulted in the complete destruction of their rooms. But they were not thereby discouraged. They took immediate action and secured new premises, which are now ready for occupation and dedication.

The lodges are all in good financial standing and have the best of prospects. The returns, however, show some large amounts of arrearages for dues. This is a condition, to remedy which every effort should be made. The brother who allows his subscriptions to accumulate is storing up trouble for himself as well as doing a grave injustice to his lodge.

The returns also show that the brethren are contributing something for the relief of the needy and unfortunate. All but one of the lodges have subscribed to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. Several of them have paid their share thereto in full, while others have made such arrangements as will enable them in a short time to discharge the claims against them, so that there is yet hope that this truly worthy and truly Masonic fund may be collected—some day.

The several lodges in the jurisdiction were officially visited on the dates following :

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee, Sept. 3rd, 1907.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope, Sept. 6th, 1907.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood, Sept. 9th, 1907.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville, Dec. 18, 1907.

I. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook, Dec. 19th, 1907.

Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene, Dec. 20th, 1907.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield, Dec. 23rd, 1907.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101 ; Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, Peterborough, Dec. 27th, 1907.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435, Havelock, Dec. 30th, 1907.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope, April 17th, 1908.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle, April 22nd, 1908.

Orono Lodge, No. 324, Orono, April 23rd, 1908.

On the occasion of the above visits Lorne and Keene Lodges had no work. The District Deputy, assisted by brethren from Peterborough and Corinthian Lodges, installed the incoming officers in Clementi, Corinthian,

Peterborough and Havelock lodges, and in the other lodges one or more of the several degrees of Craft Masonry were exemplified by the officers of the lodges.

In concluding his report, the District Deputy has to thank the brethren of the District for the honor which they have conferred upon him and for the universal and unanimous courtesy extended to him while discharging his official duties. He has also to express his regret that absence from the district prevented as faithful a performance as he could wish of the work which the responsible nature of the office justly demands.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

DUNCAN WALKER, D. D. G. M.,
Otonabee District, No. 20.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Otonabee District, No. 20, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership		Degree's		Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.		Total	Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.		
			Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.		Affiliations.	Restorations.		Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Regular.									Emergent.	Total.
26	Ontario....	Port Hope	130	2	5	7	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	185	75	20	\$ 250	00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	\$1200 00
31	Jerusalem, Bowmanville....		96	5	6	6	6	2	3	2	3	1	1	1	86	75	2	11 50	Dec. 12, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1400 00	
66	Durham, Newcastle....		31	8	8	6	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	July 6, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
101	Corinthian Peterborough....		143	11	11	10	8	5	1	1	1	2	2	3	35	00	19	156	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
114	Hope Port Hope.....		123	17	12	12	17	1	1	1	1	13	11	21	20	00	35	200	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	2000 00
145	J. B. Hall Millbrook....		61	3	5	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	20	00	19	157	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
155	Peterboro', Peterborough.		217	14	15	14	17	1	1	1	1	12	4	16	65	(0)	13	64	60	Dec. 27, '07	Excellent	Bright	Yes	300 00
223	Norwood Norwood.....		94	8	9	10	11	1	2	1	1	14	5	19	...	...	6	29	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	Fully
313	Clementi Lakeland.....		74	7	6	1	3	1	3	1	1	12	12	23	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '07	very good	Good	Yes	00	
325	Orono Orono.....		38	7	6	4	2	1	1	1	1	9	1	10	14	...	3	49	19	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
374	Keene* Keene.....		35	7	6	4	2	1	1	1	1	12	12	12	...	...	...	...	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	None	
375	Lorne Ouenee.....		38	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	5	4	9	...	...	8	77	00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fair	Yes	None
435	Havelock... Havelock.....		85	1	1	7	7	1	3	6	1	1	1	2	13	...	2	10	00	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Good	Yes	None

*NOTE—Keeno Lodge has made no return for 1908. The figures are those given in 1907.

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO. 21.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, the following report on the condition and progress of Masonry in Eastern District No. 21, during the past year.

As soon as possible after assuming office I communicated and got in touch with the various lodge Secretaries, notified them of my appointment, and requested them to regularly transmit to me a copy of every summons. I appointed W. Bro. Rev. Chas. O. Carson, M. A., of Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales, as District Chaplain, and V. W. Bro. Henry Smith, of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet, as District Secretary, and I am greatly indebted to both these brethren for their kind and able assistance in my official duties.

The district contains fifteen registered lodges, with an aggregate membership of 1,073. I have visited every lodge once, the greater number twice, and many of them three times.

The condition of Masonry in this district is eminently satisfactory. Every lodge in the district is prosperous, progressive and harmonious. The brethren have been careful and judicious in making their selection of officers. I am glad to be able to report the work uniform throughout the district, owing in a great measure to the painstaking efforts of my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. S. S. Reveler. The work is not only uniform, but is well done in every lodge in the district, and by the regular officers. From the Master down all are painstaking and enthusiastic in their work.

Four Lodges of Instruction were held during the past year. One, under the auspices of Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois, on the afternoon and evening of February 26th ; one, under the auspices of Alexandria Lodge, No. 430, Alexandria, on the afternoon and

evening of March 26th ; one, under the auspices of Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville, on the afternoon and evening of April 6th, and one, under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, on the evening of June 9th. Every lodge in the district, with their regular officers, participated in and exemplified a degree, or some part of a degree at some of these meetings. (See appendix for programmes.) These several lodges of Instruction were well attended by the brethren throughout the district. Visiting brethren from Montreal, Toronto, Brockville and other outside points were present. These meetings have proved of great benefit, not only in attaining uniformity of work, but in obtaining the necessary practice and confidence to perform the work intelligently, also in bringing the brethren of the various lodges together, thus enabling them to become acquainted and to discuss matters of interest to the district and to the Craft in general, as well as in cultivating the social side of Masonry. A banquet invariably followed these gatherings, generously provided by the brethren of the lodge under whose auspices the meeting was held.

Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480, Williamsburg, having been granted a warrant, was constituted and consecrated on the 24th October, 1907 (thus formally placing it on the register as the youngest lodge in the district.

The following new lodge rooms were dedicated during the year : St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, on June 9th ; Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales, on June 12th ; Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville, on June 15th ; Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria, on June 23rd ; Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore, on June 26th ; Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet, on June 30th.

Seven especial communications of the Grand Lodge were summoned for the performance of these ceremonies. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master was present and personally dedicated the rooms of Farran's Point Lodge, assisted by Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges. R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, Grand Senior Warden, represented the M. W. the Grand Master at the dedication of Plantagenet Lodge rooms. He was assisted by R. W. Bro. David Taylor, P. D. D. G. M., together with various Masters and Past Masters from Ottawa city. I had the honor of representing the M.

W. the Grand Master at the remaining five functions. Two or three lodge rooms in the district have yet to be dedicated, which will be looked after by my successor in office.

Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales : I visited this lodge at the regular meeting on April 13th. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Every officer was in his place. W. Bro. Colquhoun and his officers raised one candidate to the Sublime Degree in an almost faultless manner. The opening and closing in the various degrees was well done, and the floor work was excellent. The books and finances are well looked after by the Secretary. The lodge room is beautifully furnished and is perfect in all its appointments. It was dedicated on the evening of June 12th. This is one of the progressive lodges of the district, and has a bright future. Membership 63. Net increase during year, 1.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster : I visited this lodge at regular meeting on the evening of April 14. There was a good attendance of members and several visitors. A third degree was conferred in a faultless manner by W. Bro. Gunn and his officers, who are enthusiastic in their work. The books are well and neatly kept. The financial standing is good and prospects bright. The lodge room is large, convenient, and comfortably furnished. Membership 74. Net increase during year, 1.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois : I officially visited this lodge at its regular meeting on April 15th. There was a large attendance of members, besides several visitors. W. Bro. Everett and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. Two candidates were balloted for and one degree conferred, the work being well done. The room is large and comfortably furnished, but has not yet been dedicated. This will no doubt be attended to during the coming year. The finances are in a healthy condition and the books are excellently kept, with prospects very bright. Membership 102.

Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480, Williamsburg : I officially visited this lodge at the regular meeting on April 16th. This is the youngest lodge in the district, having been constituted and consecrated on the 24th October last. The lodge room is small, but beautifully and com-

fortably furnished. The officers, one and all, are perfect in the performance of their several duties. The books are well and neatly kept, and the lodge in good circumstances financially, with only two members in arrears. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and two candidates passed. This young lodge is making rapid progress. Membership 29. Net increase during year, 9.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville : I officially visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on April 17th. There was a good attendance. I had previously asked the Secretary, R. W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, to place all his work on the summons for this emergent meeting, with the result that one candidate was balloted for, one initiated, four passed to the second degree, and two raised to the sublime degree. The officers were in their places and the work well done in each degree. The books are properly kept and the arrearage is small. This good old lodge has made great progress during the past year. The brethren have now large and beautifully furnished rooms, complete in all their appointments. M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, was present and personally dedicated this beautiful Craft home on the afternoon of June 15th. Its financial standing is good, and prospects bright. Membership 77. Net increase during year, 4.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria : I officially visited this lodge at its regular meeting on May 5th. There was a fair attendance of members and a few visitors. The Junior Warden and Senior Deacon were unavoidably absent. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by W. Bro. Bradley and his officers in a faultless manner. There was no degree work at this meeting, but as I had seen the degree work exemplified by the W. M. on former occasions, I can vouch for its accuracy. The books are well kept, but there is a large amount of arrears of dues, which, it is promised, will be materially reduced in the near future. This lodge is making wonderful progress, and its prospects are very bright. It has one of the most beautiful and comfortably furnished new rooms in the district. It was dedicated on the evening of June 23, R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, Grand Senior Warden, and R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, of Kingston, P. D. D. G. M., assisting. Membership 55. Net increase during year, 1.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall : I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on the evening of May 6th. There was a large attendance of members and four visitors. There was no degree work at this meeting, but the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a well nigh perfect manner by W. Bro. Snetsinger and his efficient staff of officers. I had previously seen them exemplify degree work in the same correct way. I found the books perfection itself. This is one of the most prosperous lodges in the district. It is in a good position financially and scarcely any arrears of dues. Besides having the largest membership, it has the largest and most convenient and comfortable Craft home in the district. Membership 117. Net increase during year 3.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville : Visited this lodge at its regular meeting on May 11th. There was a fair attendance of members and two visiting brethren, one a member of a lodge in Palestine. The officers were all in their places except the Senior Warden, Rev. D. Stewart, who was absent on account of illness. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a fairly accurate manner, and a third degree was well conferred. The lodge furnishings are good, and the place comfortable, but the rooms are not all that could be desired. The books are correctly kept, but there are considerable outstanding dues. Financially this is the strongest lodge in the district. Prospects good. Membership 78. Net increase during year, 3.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore : Visited this lodge at a regular meeting on May 12th. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by the W. M. and his regular officers in a very creditable way. There was a good average attendance at this meeting, notwithstanding the next to impassible state of the roads and heavy rain all evening. Four candidates were on the summons, but for some reason were not present. At a former visit I saw the W. M. confer degrees in a fairly accurate manner. The books are correctly kept, and the dues are not allowed to fall very far behind. The financial standing of the lodge is good, and we bespeak for it a bright future. The lodge room, though not large or tastily finished, is very nicely and comfortably furnished, and with all requirements. The brethren are zealous and enthusiastic, and by resolution at this meeting requested that their

rooms be dedicated, which request was complied with on the evening of the 26th June. Membership 63. Net increase during year, 4.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville : I visited this lodge on the evening of May 13th. There was a good attendance of members and six visitors. W. Bro. McLean and his officers are well up in the work. There were no candidates present, but the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a creditable way. Every branch of the work is well done in this lodge. The books are neatly and correctly kept, the lodge is in good shape financially, and its prospects are very bright. The rooms are large, convenient and beautiful, and as soon as the contemplated new furnishings are in it will be one of the finest Craft homes in the district. This lodge looks after its own needy ones. Membership 85.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester : I visited this lodge on the evening of May 14th. The Senior and Junior Deacons were absent, the former on account of illness. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and a second degree conferred. The entire work was well done. This is one of the lodges with a large balance, but there are considerable outstanding dues. They have a beautiful home and a bright future. Membership 102. Net increase during year, 3.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg : Visited on May 15th at a regular meeting. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The officers were all in their places, and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and several degrees conferred in a highly satisfactory manner. The financial standing of the lodge is excellent and the arrearage of dues is small. It has a well kept set of books, and a bright future outlook. It has a large, well furnished and comfortable home, and stands at the head of the lodges in the district, with the highest net increase in membership during the year. Membership 72. Net increase 10.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet : I officially visited this, my mother lodge, on the evening of June 5th. There was no work at this meeting, but the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The work is fairly well done in this lodge. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Fraser, the Assistant Secretary. It is in easy circumstances financially, and its prospects are fair. The

hall is a new one and is owned by the lodge. It is the smallest in the district, but cosy and comfortably furnished. It was dedicated on the evening of June 30 by R. W. Bro. John R. Reid, Grand Senior Warden, assisted by R. W. Bro. David Taylor and several other brethren from Ottawa. Membership 49. Net increase during year, 3.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill : The well furnished and comfortable rooms of this, the oldest lodge in the district, were dedicated on the afternoon of June 9th, a large number of brethren from sister lodges assisting in the ceremony. On the evening of the same day, and at its regular meeting, I officially visited this lodge. There was a very large attendance of members, also a large number of visiting brethren from Alexandria, Hawkesbury, and Plantagenet lodges. Every officer was in his place. All the work in this lodge is well done. The books are well looked after, showing the lodge to be in good financial standing, but, like many other lodges, showing too large an amount of uncollected dues. The prospects of the lodge, owing to its situation, are of the best. Membership 73. Net increase during year, 6. A Lodge of Instruction immediately followed, participated in by Hawkesbury, St. John's and Plantagenet lodges.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, Hawkesbury : I officially visited this lodge on the evening of June 18th. There was a fair attendance of members and a few visitors. The Senior Warden and one Deacon were absent, having been called out of town on business. There was no degree work at this meeting, but the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees very accurately. I saw the degree work very well exemplified on other occasions. The books are neatly and correctly kept, but there is a large amount of arrears of dues. The lodge has a substantial balance on hand, and its prospects are good. Membership 57. Net increase during year, 2.

Every lodge in the district loyally assumed and paid its apportionment of the cost of D. D. G. M. regalia. Each lodge, unasked, also paid \$5 to cover travelling expenses. In addition to this, I found my hotel bill paid by the brethren of Cornwall, Excelsior, Farran's Point, Chesterville and Henderson lodges. I was generously entertained by Rev. C. O. Carson, of Wales Lodge, Dr.

Gunn, W. M. of Lancaster Lodge, and W. Bro. Bradley, W. M. of Alexandria, on the occasion of my visits to their respective lodges.

During the autumn months I think the greater part of the balance still due on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund will be paid, as reports are encouraging. Wales Lodge, No. 458, is the only lodge in the district that has paid its apportionment in full. It did this over four years ago, and has since stood at the head of the lodges in the district as our brightest example of universal benevolence. I have done all I could on behalf of this fund, short of making a personal canvass. I issued three appeals (see appendix), one to the lodges, one to the newly elected W. M's, and one addressed to every individual brother in the district. I also brought the matter before the lodges on the occasions of my official visits.

All lodges in the district annually elect auditors and have their books regularly audited once, and some of the lodges twice, a year, and the result reported to the lodge. Fourteen lodges have a balance on hand, the highest being \$1,300, and the lowest about \$42, the aggregate being about \$4,000. One lodge is in debt to the extent of \$250 for refurnishing and fitting up new hall, which indebtedness, it is expected, will be wiped off this fall.

Fourteen of the lodges in the district occupy rented quarters, the highest rental being \$100 and the lowest \$35 per year, plus light and heat. One of these fourteen lodges holds a controlling interest in the building in which its rooms are situated. One lodge in the district owns the building it occupies.

The secretarial work throughout the district is correctly performed. The work done by a few of these officers is perhaps not very elaborate or neat, but it is correct. The large majority, however, do the work beautifully and perfectly in every detail. Seven only of the fifteen Secretaries are Past Masters. Two only annually submit a written report to the lodge, covering the entire year's work, those two being Past Masters. All have been faithful in their duties and have regularly transmitted returns and copies of lodge summonses, as required by Book of Constitution.

None of the Secretaries or Treasurers in the district are bonded officers. With one or two exceptions the lodge funds are deposited in the local banks.

None of the Past Masters or other qualified brethren deliver lectures on Masonic subjects in any of the lodges in the district.

Six lodges regularly, once a year, attend divine service clothed as Masons, two occasionally, and seven not at all.

Canvassing for office in the private lodge, I am glad to say, is not practiced to any extent in Eastern District No. 21. But lodge canvassing for the office of D. D. G. M. is still looked upon by a few of the lodges as the proper thing to do. The sending out of letters signed by the W. M. and Past Masters on behalf of their favorite candidate, and setting forth the claims of their particular lodge for recognition, is certainly unmasonic and contrary to the spirit of Masonry. On November 15th I addressed a letter to the W. M's and brethren of the various lodges (see appendix) asking them to discountenance the truly unmasonic habit of canvassing for office.

With two or three exceptions I find the lodge by-laws are, to a great extent, obsolete.

There are 138 Past Masters in the district, Cornwall and Friendly Brothers standing at the head of the list with 18 and 17 respectively.

The following brethren have been summoned to the Grand Lodge above : Bro. James Cross, an honorary member of St. John's Lodge, No. 21a ; Bro. Stephen A. Dunn, of Lancaster Lodge, No. 207 ; Bro. Thos. Brown, of Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256 ; Bro. Nelson Bride, of Avonmore Lodge, No. 452..

On the occasions of my official visits I made the following recommendations : That every member should have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the ballot with regard to its conduction and its secrecy, and, in connection with it, his duty to his brethren, and what is required towards his family and his friends, these being chief essentials in the harmony of every lodge.

That there should be an understanding among the lodges whereby each lodge would take its turn in having one of its best qualified members elected to the office of D. D. G. M., beginning either with the oldest or youngest lodge in the district, and thus avoid the unmasonic practice of lodge canvassing for that office.

That a full insurance on the paraphernalia and furniture be carried. .

That the annual audit and report should not on any account be neglected.

That the Treasurer and Secretary be bonded officers.

That the Secretary annually, on the 27th December, submit a written report to the lodge covering the entire year's business and work.

That all arrears of dues of over a year's standing be wiped off the books, either by remission, suspension, or collection.

That attending divine service, clothed as Masons, should be an annual event in every lodge.

That lectures on Masonic subjects be given in every lodge by some qualified brother.

In conclusion, I desire to return my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me last July. I also desire, briefly but warmly, to thank my brethren throughout the district for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me. No D. D. G. M. ever received greater kindness from his brethren. My sincere thanks are also due to R. W. Bro. R. L. Gumm, Grand Secretary, for his kind advice and assistance.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN SMITH, D. D. G. M.,
Eastern District, No. 21.

APPENDIX TO REPORT.

Treadwell, Ont., Nov. 4th, 1907.

To the W. M., Wardens and Brethren of ————

Lodge, No. —, A. F. & A. M., ———, Ont. :.....

Worshipful Sir and Brethren : It is my duty, as the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master in Eastern District No. 21, to again urge upon you the claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

The glad Christmas-tide is again drawing near, the time of all the year to be happy and to exchange little tokens of love and remembrance with those near and dear to us. It is the time, too, when we feel most disposed to remember the less fortunate ones in our midst, and, if needs be, to soothe their afflictions and relieve their necessities. And so, in the sacred name of Him who has said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and whose birth this joyous season commemorates. I ask you to give from your abundance the small amount of \$3.00 asked by Grand Lodge as your contribution to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, the revenue of which will

be added to the benevolent grants for the relief of our needy brethren and the widows and orphans of Masons.

The amount distributed by Grand Lodge last year was \$25,165.00. These grants, together with the running expenses of Grand Lodge, aggregate \$37,461.72, while the revenue covering the same period amounted to \$37,359.79, leaving a deficit of \$101.93, which had to be taken from the capital account.

Our representatives in Grand Lodge, by unanimous vote, pledged the lodges to the scheme, and have since repeatedly endorsed it. Every brother in the jurisdiction was asked to contribute one dollar a year for three years, which would raise the required \$100,000.00. The amount expected from this district is \$2,766.00, of which only \$573.00 has thus far been paid in to the Grand Secretary, being an average of about 62 cents per member in the district.

Brethren, Grand Lodge requires this fund. Our indigent brethren are looking to you for it and expecting it. Our widows and orphans will bless you for it. Do not disappoint them. We owe it as a duty to Grand Lodge for caring for them, and, in accordance with our professed principles, even our obligations, it is incumbent upon us as Masons.

It is the first time Grand Lodge has asked the individual brother for a contribution. On a former occasion—that never to be forgotten period in your existence when you stood helpless and destitute in the northeast—when approached you were not in a position to give. You said you would if it were in your power. You are now in a position to do so, and Grand Lodge asks you to redeem your word and show to the world that the Masons of Ontario mean what they say when they call Relief one of the three great fundamental principles of our ancient fraternity.

Worshipful Sir, I earnestly urge you to bring this important matter before your lodge without delay. Appoint a committee to interview each individual brother who can afford this small amount, and I am confident that he will cheerfully embrace the opportunity practicing that virtue which he once professed to admire.

An alternative, and I think a more business-like method, would be to give previous notice and by resolution pay the amount out of the general funds in either one.

two or three annual payments, and, if necessary, assess the brethren for it.

Now brethren, I leave this matter in your hands, in the full confidence that you will deem it not only a sacred duty but a great privilege to assist with this noble scheme which will speak words of comfort and consolation to our sorrow-laden and poverty-stricken long after we have "crossed that bourne when no traveller returns."

Yours fraternally.

(Sgd.) JOHN SMITH, D. D. G. M.
CANVASSING FOR OFFICE.

Treadwell, Ont., Nov. 15, 1907.

*To the W. M., Officers and brethren of _____
Lodge, No. —, A. F. & A. M., ———, Ont. :*

W. Sir and Brethren : As the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place early in December, I feel it is my duty to direct the attention of the various lodges in the district to that paragraph (12th) in the 1907 report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry, page 344, with respect to the election of Master and the duty of the Installing Board ; also, to that paragraph (15th) in the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's address, page 353, with regard to canvassing for office.

For the information, particularly of the younger brethren, I would strongly recommend that the paragraphs cited be read in open lodge.

Do not, my brethren, on any consideration, countenance canvassing for office. It is debasing. It reduces Masonry to the level of politics. It is unmasonic. With kind regards. Yours fraternally,

(Sgd.) JOHN SMITH, D. D. G. M.
SEMI-CENT. BENEVOLENT FUND.

Treadwell, November 20, 1907.

My Dear Brother : It is my duty, as the representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in Eastern District No. 21, to again urge upon you the claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

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I earnestly ask you to give this all important matter your immediate attention by at once handing in your contribution to the Secretary of your lodge. The G. A. O. T. U. has bountifully provided for us during these years, and we would not consider this \$3.00 anything more than

a small thank offering, which at the same time would be a means towards relieving the needs of those whom, by our vows of charity, we are bound to succor.

There are very few of the brethren in this prosperous Eastern District who cannot afford the amount. Perhaps in the near future we will feel less disposed, less able to contribute, and consequently the claims upon Grand Lodge will be much greater than at present.

Now, my brethren, I place this appeal in your hands, in the full confidence that you will deem it not only a sacred duty, but a great privilege to assist with this noble scheme which will speak words of comfort and consolation to our sorrow-laden and poverty-stricken long after we have "crossed that bourne from whence no traveller returns." Yours fraternally,

JOHN SMITH, D. D. G. M.

SEMI-CENT. BENEVOLENT FUND.

Treadwell, Ont., Feb. 6, 1908.

_____, Esq.,

W. M. _____ Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,

_____, Ont.

Dear Sir and W. Bro. : I trust that you will, during your term of office, use your best influence with the lodge, and the brethren generally, on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. The more thought we give to this matter the stronger our conviction becomes that the scheme is not only a very worthy one, deserving our hearty support, but it is also a very necessary one, if Grand Lodge is to keep up with the ever-increasing claims upon its charity.

There is no doubt but that if the brethren throughout the jurisdiction do not respond to the appeal of Grand Lodge in this matter, our per capita tax will be increased from fifty cents, as at present, to seventy-five cents, or perhaps one dollar a year.

Wishing you a pleasant and prosperous official year.

Yours fraternally,

(Sgd. JOHN SMITH, D. D. G. M.

Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Iroquois.

Thursday, February 26, 1908.

Programme.

Opening of lodge in first degree by the officers of Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois, at 3 p.m. sharp
Address of welcome by W. Bro. C. E. Cameron.

Conferring of first degree by Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg.

Calling from labor to refreshment by Excelsior Lodge, No. 142.

Calling from refreshment to labor at 7.30 p. m. sharp by Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143.

Examination of candidate in first degree.

Opening in second degree by Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143.

Passing of candidate by Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville.

Examination of candidate in second degree.

Opening in third degree by Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales.

Conferring of third degree by Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall.

Examination of brother in third degree.

Exemplification of examination of visitors by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

General business.

Closing of third degree by Wales Lodge.

Closing of second degree by Wales Lodge.

Closing of first degree by Friendly Brothers Lodge, Iroquois.

Fourth degree.

Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Alexandria.

Thursday, March 26, 1908.

Programme.

Opening of lodge in first degree by the officers of the Alexandria Lodge, No. 430, Alexandria, at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

Address of welcome by Bro. E. H. Tiffany, P. M.

Conferring first degree by Alexandria Lodge, No. 439.

Calling from labor to refreshment by Alexandria Lodge, No. 439.

Calling from refreshment to labor by Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville.

Examination of candidate in first degree.

Opening in second degree by Maxville Lodge, No. 418.

Passing of candidate by Maxville Lodge, No. 418.

Calling from labor to refreshment by Maxville Lodge, No. 418.

Calling from refreshment to labor by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster.

Examination of candidate in second degree by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.

Opening of third degree by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.

Conferring of third degree by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.

Examination of brother in third degree by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.

Exemplification of examination of visitors.

Closing of third degree by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.

Closing of second degree by Lancaster Lodge, No. 207.

General business.

Closing of first degree by Alexandria Lodge, No. 439.

Refreshments.

Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Chesterville.

Monday, April 6th, 1908.

Programme.

Opening of Lodge in first degree by the officers of the Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, at 2.30 p. m. sharp.

Address of welcome by W. Bro. Miles Brown, M. D.

Conferring of first degree by Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480.

Examination of candidate in first degree by Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480.

Opening in second degree by Avonmore Lodge, No. 452.

Passing of candidate by Chesterville Lodge, No. 320.

Calling from labor to refreshment by Avonmore Lodge, No. 452.

Past Master's Lodge.

Calling from refreshment to labor at 7.30 p. m. sharp, by Avonmore Lodge, No. 452.

Examination of candidate in second degree by Henderson Lodge, No. 383.

Opening of third degree by Henderson Lodge, No. 383.

Conferring of third degree by Henderson Lodge, No. 383.

Examination of brother in third degree by Henderson Lodge, No. 383.

Exemplification of examination of visitors by R. W. Bro. John Smith, D. D. G. M.

Closing of third degree by Avonmore Lodge, No. 452.

Closing of second degree by Avonmore Lodge, No. 452.

General Business.

Closing of first degree by Chesterville Lodge, No. 320.

Refreshments.

Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, Vankleek Hill.

Tuesday, June 9th, 1908.

Programme.

Opening in first degree by the officers of St. John's Lodge,
No. 21a, at 7 o'clock sharp.

Reception and official visit of R. W. Bro. John Smith, D.
D. G. M.

Conferring of first degree by St. John's Lodge, No. 21a.

Opening in second degree by Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186.

Conferring of second degree by Plantagenet Lodge,
No. 186.

Opening in third degree by Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186.

Conferring of third degree by Hawkesbury Lodge, No.
450.

Closing in third degree by Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450.

Closing in second degree by Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450.

Closing in first degree by St. John's Lodge, No. 21a.

Exemplification of examination of visitors.

Refreshments.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Eastern District, No. 21, from June 24th, 1907, to June 24th, 1908.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem. b'ship.		Degrees.		Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet'gs held			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance.	
						Confid.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergency.	Total.										
21a	St. John's ..	Vankleek Hill ..	73	6	...	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	...	...	1	13	...	13	25	...	...	10	\$ 148 00	June 24, '08	Good	Bright	Yes	\$ 200 00
125	Cornwall ..	Cornwall ..	117	6	...	5	4	4	1	1	3	...	...	...	11	314	40	40	3	14 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	900 00			
142	Excelsior ..	Morrisburg ..	72	10	...	6	6	4	4	1	1	...	...	...	11	112	24	...	12	75 00	June 27, '08	Good	Good	Yes	500 00			
143	Friendly B.	Iroquois ..	102	...	...	4	3	4	1	...	3	...	...	...	11	112	19	25 00	22	82 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Fine	Yes	350 00			
256	Farran's Pt	Aultsville ..	77	4	...	7	7	6	...	...	2	...	...	...	11	617	15	...	15	47 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	1100 00			
207	Lancaster ..	Lancaster ..	74	1	...	2	4	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	10	1	13	10 00	23	134 75	June 15, '07	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00			
186	P'antage't.	Plantagenet ..	49	3	...	3	3	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	12	214	12	5 00	11	55 00	Dec. 27, '07	Good	Good	Yes	500 00			
320	Chesterville	Chesterville ..	78	3	...	3	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	316	25	...	25	125 00	Dec. 27, '07	Rest	Good	Yes	400 00			
363	Henderson ..	Winchester ..	102	3	...	9	9	6	...	4	...	...	...	...	211	415	17	...	30	99 50	Dec. 1907	Good	Good	Yes	500 00			
418	Maxville ..	Maxville ..	77	...	5	1	2	3	1	0	7	...	...	...	0	112	113	11	63 45	10	68 85	Dec. 27, '07	Debt	Good	Yes	250 00		
439	Alexandria ..	Alexandria ..	55	1	...	2	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	415	12	25 00	32	503 00	Dec. 31, '07	Good	Good	Yes	400 00			
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury ..	57	2	...	2	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	212	15	...	20	203 00	June 24, '08	Good	Good	Yes	250 00			
452	Avonmore ..	Avonmore ..	48	...	...	1	4	4	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	13	112	16	...	8	63 00	June 24, '08	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00		
458	Wales ..	Wales ..	63	4	...	4	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	215	16	...	6	22 50	July 1, '08	Good	Good	Yes	400 00			
460	Wilmsburg ..	Wilmsburg ..	29	9	...	7	6	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	14	418	15	...	2	6 00	Dec. 27, '07	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00			

CALLED OFF.

At 12 o'clock noon the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 2.30 o'clock p. m.

CALLED ON.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 o'clock p. m.
M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Grand Master, on the throne, grand officers, members and representatives.

VISITORS.

A deputation from Washington Lodge, No. 240, Buffalo, N. Y., consisting of R. W. Bro. George Henry Chase, G. J. D. Grand Lodge of New York ; R. W. Bro. J. William Prouse, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, near the Grand Lodge of New York, and W. Bro. Frank T. Gilbert, P. M., was introduced by the V. W. Director of Ceremonies and cordially welcomed by the Grand Master.

REPORT OF BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Warrants, beg to report that having examined the books, papers, etc., submitted to them, they recommend :

1. That Warrants be issued to the following lodges at present under dispensation : Bancroft Lodge, No. 482, Bancroft. Granton Lodge, No. 483, Granton ; Golden Star Lodge, No. 484, Dryden ; Haileybury Lodge, No. 485, Haileybury ; Silver Lodge, No. 486, Cobalt.

2. That the dispensations granted to the following lodges be continued during the ensuing year. Penewobikong Lodge, Blind River ; King Edward Lodge, Harrow ; St. Andrew's Lodge, Arden ; Osiris Lodge, Smith's Falls.

3. That we desire to express our entire satisfaction with the work done by Penewobikong and King Edward Lodges, also the manner in which the records are kept, but on account

of the short space of time under dispensation have recommended as above.

4. That we would further recommend that District Deputy Grand Masters point out to lodges under dispensation the necessity of procuring correct books for keeping their minutes, register and record of membership.

Fraternally submitted,

A. SHAW,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Printing and Supplies, beg leave to report :

1. That tenders for the contract for Grand Lodge printing have been called for.

2. The Board will endeavor to place the various reports to Grand Lodge in the hands of the brethren as soon as possible after their submission thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

W. GEO. EAKINS,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. George S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, have pleasure in reporting that they have

audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and certify to their correctness.

All moneys received from the Grand Secretary have been deposited to the credit of the Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer, as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full account of receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in his office.

The total receipts of revenue have been \$38,954 80

The total expenditures are as follows—

General Purposes \$15,412 62

Grants for Benevolence. 21,956 30

37,368 92

Receipts over expenditures 1,585 88

The receipts last year were \$37,359 79

The increase this year being 1,595 01

It is with the greatest pleasure that we have to record that the receipts have reached the highest point in the history of the Grand Lodge, which speaks well for the prosperous condition of the Craft under this Grand Lodge's jurisdiction.

The following securities were held by Grand Lodge on General Account on the 31st May, 1908—

Brockville Debentures, 4 per cent. \$ 3,000 00

Woodstock Debentures, 6 per cent. 7,000 00

Central Canada Loan and Savings, 4 per cent . . . 15,000 00

Landed Banking and Loan Co., 4½ per cent. . . . 10,000 00

Canadian Savings and Loan Co., 4½ per cent . . . 5,000 00

Hamilton Provident and Loan Co., 4½ per cent . . 15,000 00

City of Brantford, 4 per cent 8,000 00

St. Thomas Debentures, 4 per cent. 12,148 50

City of Toronto, 3½ per cent. 4,866 66

Brockville Debentures, 4 per cent. 4,473 59

Brockville Debentures, 4 per cent. 4,681 75

Town of Kincardine, 5 per cent. 500 00

City of Port Arthur, 5 per cent. 1,000 00

City of Toronto, 3½ per cent. 5,626 47

City of Hamilton, 4 per cent 3,000 00

City of Berlin, Ont., 5 per cent. 5,523 08

Ontario Loan and Debenture Co., 4 ⅛ per cent. . . . 5,000 00

\$109,820 05

Balance at Canadian Bank of Commerce,

May 31, 1908 \$7,044 20

Less outstanding cheques. 336 87

6,707 33

\$116,527 38

During the year the following debentures matured: The Canada Permanent for \$10,000.00, the Landed Banking and Loan Co. for \$5,000.00, and the Town of Brockville for \$342.85, and were paid in to the Grand Treasurer. The Investment Committee of Grand Lodge have placed these funds, together

with \$306.70 taken from the current account, in the following securities :

Town of Kincardine..	\$ 500 00
City of Port Arthur	1,000 00
City of Toronto..	5,626 47
City of Hamilton	3,000 00
City of Berlin	5,523 08
	\$15,649 55

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUNDS.

Your Committee regret to find that the amount contributed and reported to this worthy scheme during the present year has not been as large as was anticipated under the new arrangement.

We, however, have reason to believe that quite a considerable sum of money is now collected for this fund and in the hands of the lodge officers and committees, and we would recommend that all such sums be immediately forwarded to the Grand Secretary for investment.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the services of R. W. Bro. Nixon, in connection with this fund, have been productive of good results, and that continued effort on his part, and more aggressive action on the part of Masters and officers will produce a marked increase in the contributions for the ensuing year.

We would recommend that each lodge in arrears to this fund appoint a special committee to canvas the individual members for subscriptions, and that after such canvas has been thoroughly made any balance not thus provided for should be made up by private subscription or from the general fund of the lodge in two annual payments. so that this special fund account may be closed within the limit of time prescribed by Grand Lodge at its last meeting, viz., 1910. A. D., and we further recommend that all members initiated since 1905 be requested to contribute to the fund from which in future years they may receive benefits.

The Semi-Centennial Fund is invested as follows :

City of Toronto, 3½ per cent.	\$5,000 00
City of Woodstock, 4½ per cent.	4,000 00
City of Ottawa, 5 per cent.	10 000 00
City of Peterborough, 3 per cent	2,000 00
City of Peterboro, 4 per cent	1 000 00
City of St. Catharines, 4 per cent.	5,319 96
Town of East Toronto, 5 per cent.	1,635 12
Town of Owen Sound, 4½ per cent.	1,000 00
Town of Galt, 4 per cent.	2,000 00
Kincardine, 5 per cent	1,000 00
Township of Saltfleet, 5 per cent.	4 000 00
Town of Oshawa, 4½ per cent.	5,272 13
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Stock.	100 00
	\$43,327 21

Balance at credit Current Account in	
Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31	\$2,262 28
Less outstanding cheques	60 00
	2,202 28

Total.. . . . \$45,529 49

Your Committee has examined the accounts as per summary of expenditure shown in the Grand Secretary's report amounting to \$15,412.62, and have found them correct, and recommend the same for the approval of Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary has also submitted the following estimate of the receipts and expenditure for the current year, which meets with the approval of your Committee, and is recommended to Grand Lodge for authorization.

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1909.

Certificates.. . . .	\$ 100 00
Dues.. . . .	21,000 00
Fees	9,000 00
Dispensations	500 00
Warrants.. . . .	60 00
Constitutions, Ceremonies, etc.	1,000 00
Commutation of dues.. . . .	900 00
Miscellaneous	640 00
Interest on Investments.. . . .	5,300 00
Total Receipts on General Account	38,500 00
Interest on Semi-Centennial Fund Investments ..	2,000 00
	\$40,500 00

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1909.

Salary of Grand Treasurer.. . . .	\$ 200 00
Salary of Grand Secretary.. . . .	2,000 00
Salary of Auditor.. . . .	300 00
Salary of Chief Clerk	800 00
Salary of Stenographer.. . . .	720 00
Salary of Clerk	600 00
Superannuation allowance of former Chief Clerk..	800 00
Incidental expenses, Grand Secretary's Office..	1,000 00
Printing and Stationery.. . . .	3,000 00
Certificates and Warrants	400 00
Office rent	460 00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and B. of G. P. meetings	1,800 00
Expenses of commissions and delegations	100 00
Inspection of Benevolent Grants	750 00
Postage of Deputy Grand Master and Chairman of Committee on Benevolence.. . . .	40 00
Travelling Expenses of Grand Master	500 00
Stenographer for Grand Master	100 00
Rent of telephone	60 00
Insurance on Furniture, Regalia, etc.	70 00

Rent of Safety Deposit Box..	25 00
Masonic Relief Association..	200 00
R. W. Bro. Nixon, attendance at Benevolence Committee (special)	25 00
Sundry expenses..	150 00
	\$14,100 00
Grants for Benevolence..	24,000 00
Total expenditure on General Account.. . . .	38,100 00
Grants from Semi-Centennial Fund	2,000 00
	\$40,100 00

Your Committee beg to submit herewith the report of the Auditor on the financial statements, and certifying to their correctness.

Faternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Your Committee beg leave to report that we have duly considered the motion of R. W. Bro. Fred Harcourt, referred to us by your Board, and we recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be inserted in the estimated expenditure of Grand Lodge for the payment of services of a stenographer for the Grand Master.

Faternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman.

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Sir and Brethren :

Having been honored with the appointment as Grand Auditor for Grand Lodge accounts from the M. W. the Grand Master, I commenced the work as from the 1st December, 1907, and have made continuous audits of the General and Semi-Centennial Fund accounts of both the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary from that date and up to 31st May, 1908.

Prior to 1st December, 1907, the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were "certified to as being correct" by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, the then Auditor.

With the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary I examined the securities belonging to Grand Lodge in the safety deposit vault of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation on the 26th May, 1908. The debentures, with coupons attached, were found intact and agreeing with the schedule attached to the Grand Treasurer's Statement of Investments of the General and Cemi-Centennial Fund.

I have examined the statements of receipts and payments of the Grand Secretary, both of the General and Semi-Centennial Fund accounts, and certify to their correctness, and also

to the proper and prompt deposit of the receipts to the credit of the Grand Lodge in the Bank of Commerce.

Faternally submitted,

HARRY VIGEON, F. C. A.,
Chartered Accountant.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report on Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, beg leave to report as follows :

During the year which has lapsed since the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence has, with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board, made twenty-three (23) interim grants to applicants, amounting to the sum of \$1,216.30.

The system of making interim grants has again been the means of assisting many brethren and widows when assistance was most necessary.

The Board has learned with much pleasure that the cash receipts during the financial year just closed are again in excess of the receipts of previous year.

Thirty-five (35) grants have been made from the interest accrued from the investment of the Semi-Centennial Fund, amounting to \$2,000.00. These grants have been made in cases where the limit of grants fixed by Grand Lodge from general fund was not sufficient to provide for the needs of the applicants. Two grants were made by the Chairman with the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, amounting to the sum of \$100.00, both cases arising since the last meeting of Grand Lodge and both being cases of extreme necessity.

Three hundred and eighty-seven applications were received, namely :

186 Grants through Local Boards, amounting to.. \$11,210 00
199 Grants through lodges, amounting to 13,190 00

And there were two applications rejected.

Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge :

Mrs. T. D. Harington.. . . .	\$300 00	
Miss Mary Wilson.. . . .	300 00	
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00	675 00

Total amount of grants made at this annual communication	\$25,075 00
Interim grants made since last meeting of Grand Lodge	1,216 30
Grants recommended from interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund	2,000 00

Total grants for the year \$28,291 30

The grants made by lodges during the year, as shown by the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports, amount in the aggregate to about \$15,000.00.

In accordance with Rule No. 7 on Benevolence, cheques for grants made through the following lodges will be withheld until proper returns have been received from these lodges, as to the disposal made of last year's grants. The lodges referred to are Numbers 33, 39, 81, 96, 99, 113, 115, 153, 162, 170, 222, 224, 230, 255, 262, 295, 314, 331, 377, 386, 401, 423, 425, 430, 432, 437.

It is recommended that investigation be made into the circumstances of the applicants for relief, and in the case of new applicants the cheques will be withheld until the Inspector has made his report.

It is with feelings of heartfelt thankfulness to the G. A. O. T. U. for the prosperity with which He has blessed our Grand Lodge and our Province, thus enabling us to afford relief and consolation to our fellow creatures in the hours of their affliction that this report is. Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. HARDING,

Chairman Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, beg to report as follows :

(1) Doric Lodge, No. 316, G. R. C., (Toronto) vs. W. Bro. Isaac B. Johnson, P. M., unmasonic conduct and violation of obligation as a Master Mason.

This was a charge preferred by Bro. J. A. Montgomery, J. W., of Doric Lodge, against W. Bro. Isaac G. Johnson, a P. M. of the same lodge, for unmasonic conduct and violation of obligation as a Master Mason in the following circumstances:

On 21st February, 1907, at a regular meeting of the lodge, the application of Mr. W. G. Kyle as a candidate for initiation was sent to a second ballot, and after the ballot box had as usual been placed upon the altar for examination by any brother who desired to do so, was found and declared in the usual manner to be in favor of the candidate. The accused brother is charged with having stated subsequently, both in and out of the lodge, that the ballot was improperly declared to be in favor of the candidate, when in fact it was against him, and that the declaration in his favor was false, and admits having done so. The facts having been brought to the attention of the M. W. the Grand Master, and it appearing that the then W. M. and his Wardens were affected by the charge and therefore incompetent to try the same, the M. W. the Grand Master intervened and withdrew the case from Doric Lodge and appointed a special commission, consisting of R. W. Bros. F. W. Harcourt, E. J. B. Duncan and A. J. Anderson, P. D. D. G. M's, to investigate the same and report the facts to him. They accordingly did so, and on 1st June, 1908, reported that they found W. Bro. Johnson to be "guilty of slandering his brethren, and those brethren the chief officers of his lodge." The M. W. the Grand Master, after examining the record and evidence, on 12th June, 1908, concurred in the finding of the Commission, and suspended W. Bro. Johnson "from all Masonic privileges until the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 15th day of July, 1908, the suspension then to be continued or removed at the pleasure of Grand Lodge."

The matter having in due course come before your Committee, all parties interested were notified that the same would be considered on Monday, the 13th day of July, 1908, at three p. m., and your Committee were then attended by the W. M. of Doric Lodge and W. Bro. B. N. Davis, P. M., on behalf of the lodge, but W. Bro. Johnson did not appear either personally or by representative.

We recommend that the suspension of W. Bro. Johnson, if not meantime removed as hereafter provided, be continued until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, and then be further continued or removed at the pleasure of Grand Lodge; and that in the meantime the M. W. the Grand Master be empowered to remove the suspension and restore W. Bro. Johnson to full Masonic privileges upon the petition of Doric Lodge.

(2) Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, G. R. C., Kenora, and Archibald Campbell—Petition for reinstatement.

On 24th July, 1896, Archibald Campbell, then a member of Pequonga Lodge, was convicted by the Police Magistrate at Rat Portage of theft and sentenced to imprisonment for fifteen months, and duly served his sentence. In the following year, after due trial by his lodge, he was expelled by Grand Lodge from the Craft for said offence. In 1905 Pequonga Lodge petitioned Grand Lodge for his reinstatement, but no satisfactory evidence having been laid before the Committee, the petition was not granted. In 1907 the petition was renewed, but the provisions of the Constitution not having been

complied with, your Committee recommended that the petition be allowed to stand over, without prejudice to being renewed in proper form at a subsequent date, and upon same now coming on again in proper form, your Committee having thought it desirable to inquire as to whether restitution has meantime been made by Mr. Campbell to those who may have sustained loss by his illegal act, and owing to lack of information upon this feature of the case, we have decided to report that upon the M. W. the Grand Master being satisfied by Pequonga Lodge that Mr. Campbell has made what would appear to the M. W. the Grand Master to be satisfactory restitution according to his financial ability, the petition be granted, otherwise that the same be not granted but be left for further action at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

(3) Union Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., Napanee, vs. Bro. C. A. Jenkins.

On the 3rd day of July, 1907, Bro. C. A. Jenkins was convicted before William Rankin, Esq., Police Magistrate at Napanee, of "unlawfully and carnally knowing one, a girl under the age of fourteen years, and sentenced to imprisonment in the Provincial Penitentiary at Kingston at hard labor for a term of seven years, and is now serving said sentence. He has been duly tried by his lodge for said offence and found guilty, and recommended for expulsion from the Craft. Your Committee recommend that he be summoned to show cause at the next meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

(4) Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., Port Arthur, vs. Bro. Reginald Newman.

On 7th April, 1908, Bro. Newman, having been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of theft, was tried by his lodge and found guilty and recommended for expulsion. Your Committee recommend that he be summoned to show cause at the next meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. DAVID McPHERSON.

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved. That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

(Note.—On July 31st, 1908, a letter was received by the Grand Secretary from the Secretary of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, stating, with reference to the case of Bro. Reginald Newman, that the sentence of the lodge upon Bro. Newman was "indefinite suspension," and not "recommended for expulsion," as previously reported through an error.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W.

Bro. Aubrey White, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry :

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, reports as follows.

The Board has had submitted for its perusal and consideration the reports of the twenty-two District Deputy Grand Masters, who have represented the Grand Master in the twenty-two districts into which, for purposes of supervision, this grand jurisdiction is divided.

There are now on the roll of this Grand Lodge 396 lodges, of which 387 are duly warranted and nine are under dispensation. At the last annual communication the Craft had a total membership in good standing of 39,795. From year to year your Board has endeavored to record in this report the details of the numerical growth of the Craft, but great difficulty has always been experienced in obtaining the statistics from the lodges in time to enable it to do so. This year, owing to several District Deputy Grand Masters having been unable to send in these statistical tables, it is impossible to do more than approximate the number gained. The statistics available justify the Board in estimating that nearly three thousand initiates have this year entered upon their Masonic career, which is an evidence of the high estimation in which our beloved Order is held in this great Province of Ontario. Were we an institution that canvassed for members, or pressed our claims and advantages upon public attention, it is not too much to say that we could add enormously to our numerical strength each year. But the Craft has always set its face against everything in the nature of canvassing, preferring that only those who seek admission of their own volition should be allowed to enter our ranks, and not then until after close scrutiny of character, position and disposition has shown that such applicants are good men and true, and well calculated to maintain the high standing the Craft now enjoys. Where lodges have endeavored to increase their strength by unwise methods the result has always been the same—"What is easily gained is lightly esteemed"—and in a short time, through want of proper Masonic teaching and through carelessness, the abnormal gain dwindles away and the lodge sustains a loss of prestige which it is hard for it to recover. The Board once more impresses upon Masons the imperative necessity of strict scrutiny into the character and standing of all candidates, and the exclusion from our mysteries of not only the unworthy but as well those about whose fitness intellectually or morally there is the slightest doubt.

The District Deputy Grand Masters during the past year appear to have been most assiduous in the discharge of their duties. Every lodge in the jurisdiction except two was inspected, many of them receiving several visits and had it not been for the severe illness of one District Deputy every lodge would have received a visit. The representatives of the Grand Master, by advice, admonition and instruction, have done much to improve the general condition of the Craft. The sacrifices entailed in order to make full and close inspections are evidenced by the itinerary of some of these officers.

One speaks of having travelled 5,080 miles, another 2,500, and others considerable distances, all of which called for sacrifice of time, comfort and private interests in order to fulfil to the letter what they had pledged their honor to do.

The work is reported to be correctly and intelligently rendered in nearly every lodge, which speaks volumes for the instruction heretofore given and the education and diligence of the thousands of officers who are serving the Craft. There is still a disposition on the part of D. D. G. M's to dwell on the good work or shortcomings of particular officers. The Board is of opinion that compliment or admonition should be given in the lodge, face to face, and not embodied in reports that are to become public and matters of history.

The character of the material, judging by the reports, has been excellent, and evidently more care is being exercised by all the lodges. Harmony is said to prevail almost universally, the few cases of friction being of a trivial character. The Board notices with great pleasure that some District Deputy Grand Masters have made it their business to inquire as to the existence of friction, and in many instances have reconciled brethren and smothered away all dissension, although not an ordinary duty. This is one of the most blessed acts a D. D. G. M. can perform.

The financial affairs of the lodges are in a satisfactory condition, no defalcations being reported, and prosperity largely obtains, but the Board takes occasion to restate its opinion that each lodge should place its Treasurer and Secretary under bonds, and require that its Auditors shall closely scrutinize all the accounts, securities and bank balances of the lodges.

The secretarial work is reported to be, as a rule, in intelligent hands. The percentage of Past Masters who are permanent Secretaries is increasing. The Secretary is a most important officer, who, in addition to his ordinary duties, should carefully preserve records that make the history of his lodge. He should also be energetic in collecting dues. Your Board thinks that a permanent Secretary is more likely to feel his responsibility in all matters than a Secretary who is a mere bird of passage to a higher office. The Board has noticed with regret that the number of brethren in arrears does not decrease, and that in the aggregate there is an enormous amount of dues uncollected. The Board has repeatedly pointed out the proper course to be pursued, but the evil grows rather than diminishes.

The Board observes with satisfaction that with very few exceptions the lodges carry substantial fire insurance on their properties. This is a safe business precaution, which should be followed by every lodge.

The Board notices that, with very few exceptions, Masters are reported able to work degrees, and the percentage of those incapable is decreasing year by year.

Your Board regrets that a greater number of Lodges of Instruction were not held during the year. Lodges of Instruction should be held in each district every year instead of in only a few. It is a fact that when these lodges were held, the

meetings were largely attended, new friendships were formed and old ones cemented by the opportunity of meeting, and the work was spoken of as most valuable, tending to do away with all inaccuracies and differences of detail. The Board once more recommends that each District Deputy hold one Lodge of Instruction during his term of office.

The Board is glad to say that every D. D. G. M. has constantly and forcibly pressed home upon his brethren their bounden duty to contribute to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and it believes that much good will result from their efforts. The Board impresses on the new District Deputy Grand Masters the duty of keeping up the good work with, if possible, greater energy. The Craft ought to make the care of the widow and orphan, as well as the indigent brother, one of the reasons for its existence, and act up to that standard. Your Board has the belief that the balance of the \$100,000 must be raised, can be raised, and will be raised, if the matter is kept well before the lodges and the brethren.

The Board recommends that to put an end to any doubt's as to what is the proper regalia to be worn, the Grand Master be requested to have the regalia prescribed by the Constitution photographed and copies of the same supplied to all D. D. G. M's, lodges and makers of regalia, and that their attention be called to the necessity for obeying the Constitution in all respects in the matter of regalia.

The Board desires to record its sense of the great loss the Craft has sustained in the death of Most Worshipful Brother Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. Sutherland, an honorary member of this Grand Lodge. Of Hugh Murray it need only be said—well tried, true and trusty, wise counsellor, and loving friend. We believe him to be with his Father in heaven, whose faithful servant he was. Thus death removes one of the strongest men of this Grand jurisdiction.

The Board congratulates Grand Lodge upon the prosperity of the Craft, its added reputation and increased strength, which make it powerful for good in this great Province. The Board congratulates the members of Grand Lodge upon the fact that we are meeting in a locality rich in patriotic and Masonic history. Not far from here the first seat of government in this Province was established, near by the first Legislature of the Province passed our first domestic laws. Not far from here the first Provincial Grand Lodge held its Communication. Here great men, Masons true, moved and lived and had their being in the early days and laid the foundation on which we have been able to build so well. Here the sons of Canada gave that example of loyalty and bravery, which still stirs our blood, and has been an inspiration to us ever since to be always ready to go out to the ends of the earth if need be and die for our King and country.

In those early days the eyes of the nations on either side of this beautiful river were turned towards each other in hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness. Now, praise be to God, our eyes are turned towards each other in respect, admiration and love. The rulers of these two peoples are Masons

true, and we are proud to believe that their Masonic training has helped to prepare them for the blessed work they are doing. The President of the United States is a strenuous, fearless patriot, endeavoring to increase the comfort, prosperity, and reputation of his people, and aiming to promote peace and good will among the nations on the American continent. The other ruler, as we believe the greatest ruler, our beloved King, the most democratic of all sovereigns, the beau ideal Mason, the Christian gentleman, is engaged in the same blessed work of promoting peace and harmony in that armed camp composed of the nations of Europe. These two Anglo-Saxon rulers and their people are the very salt of liberty on the earth. Let us in our humble sphere, and at however great a distance, follow the example of these great men by promoting good understanding and loving kindness whenever opportunity offers.

Fraternally submitted,

AUBREY WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, Laws, and Jurisprudence :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence, begs to report as follows :

1. With respect to the notice of motion of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, as to undress regalia, the Board reports that as this notice of motion is similar to one which was defeated within five years, it will require a two-thirds vote of the members present to permit it to come before the Grand Lodge for action.

2. Respecting the application of Beaches Lodge, No. 473, and Acacia Lodge, No. 430, the Board begs leave to report that to grant this application would amount to an amendment of the Constitution, which can only be done on giving the necessary notice of motion.

3. With regard to the application of Lorne Lodge, No. 377, to be transferred from Georgian District to Wellington District, the Board reports that at present they have not suffi-

cient information to warrant them to make any recommendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. HEGLER,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Chairman of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on our Fraternal Dead, beg to report :

Each year the sad fraternal duty devolves upon this Board of recording the virtues of departed brethren, and passing along on our journey the mile-stones of life are grave stones on which each year more names are recorded, and although gone from us our brethren are not lost to us ; those whom we loved and who loved us love us still. They have merely passed into the next room, from which there is no return, and many have in the last twelve months answered the call and passed from sight.

Hamilton District, together with every Craftsman in this jurisdiction, mourns M. W. Bro. Murray, Past Grand Master, and at the time of his death Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge. Suddenly, on the 28th day of November last, the finger of God touched him and he was not. Born in Scotland in 1843, and residing there until 1860, when he emigrated to Canada, he had the advantage of that solid educational and religious training enjoyed by the Scottish people, fitting him for the performance of any duty, and laying the foundation of probity and honor exemplified in the life of our distinguished brother. On coming to Canada he settled in Hamilton, where he resided until his death, and during life was honored by his fellow citizens by his election to many positions in their gift. He was an earnest Christian, without either fanaticism or doubt, and an active worker in both Church and Sunday School, a lover of boyish sports, ever ready to assist with his advice, and to condemn any departure from honest sport. Always having a sincere love for his native country, he was an enthusiastic lover of the country of his adoption. He was a devoted, loving and tender husband and father. Take him all in all, there are few that will come up to honest, out-spoken and fearless Hugh Murray—*Primus inter pares*. Brought to light in Masonry in Acacia

Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton, in 1868, W. M. in 1871 and 1872, also W. M. of Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek ; D. D. G. M. of the Hamilton District, No. 8, in 1877 ; Deputy Grand Master in 1882 and 1883 ; Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1884 and 1885 ; Grand Treasurer from 1891 to 1903, when he became Grand Secretary on the death of his predecessor, and was annually re-elected. Besides, our brother held many positions of dignity and honor in the other branches of Masonry. The Board recommends that a full page be set apart in our proceedings as a memorial of our deceased brother.

The Craft in this and the neighboring jurisdiction of New York mourns the loss of an enthusiastic and distinguished Mason, M. W. Bro. Sutherland, Past Grand Master of the State of New York and an honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and a member of Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto, called from labor to rest on the 12th day of March, 1908. Our deceased brother was an able and eloquent lawyer and a prominent citizen of the city of Rochester in the State of New York. Life's fitful dream being over, he sleeps well.

This Grand Lodge also mourns the death of R. W. Bro. James Bain, an old member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, and one of the oldest members of this Grand Lodge, and a Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who died on the 18th of May, 1908. R. W. Bro. Bain was a member of the School Board from 1867 until 1882, and Chairman from 1880 to 1881. He was Master of St. Andrew's Lodge in 1864.

R. W. Bro. Allen McLean, Past Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge, entered into rest during the past year, and the brethren will never more see the smiling face of our old friend and brother.

R. W. Bro. Frederick F. Manley, an old member of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, G. R. C., and Past Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Canada, died on the 13th day of September last. He was for 25 years mathematical master in Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute, and Principal of that school from 1901 until December last. He was very active in military matters and served in the Northwest in 1885, being wounded at Batoche. He retired in 1893 with rank of Major.

R. W. Bro. John H. Hetherington died in November last. He was for many years a prominent member of St. George's Lodge, No. 376, and was a Past Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

R. W. Bro. Harry A. Collins was suddenly called on the 20th of June last. He was attending to his business affairs within three days of his death. Bro. Collins was an honored member of Doric Lodge, No. 316, and also Georgina Lodge, No. 343, and was District Deputy Grand Master of the Toronto District in 1892.

R. W. Bro. Richard Dinnis, P. D. D. G. M. of Toronto District, was called from labor to rest on the 14th day of October last. Bro. Dinnis was one of the oldest members of Rehoboth Lodge, No. 65.

R. W. Bro. James Stephenson was called from labor to rest since the last meeting of our Grand Lodge.

The Board extends its sincere sympathy to the Sister Grand Lodges who have been called upon to mourn for their distinguished brethren who have been called to rest during the past year. Many of our lodges have been called upon to mourn for useful and dearly loved brethren during the past year, and the Board assures them of their sympathy in their affliction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. HARDING,

Chairman of Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which upon motion was received and ordered to be printed in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the following special report of the Board on Foreign Correspondence :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, beg to present the following report as to the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, which was opened at Regina on the 9th day of August, 1906.

All the proceedings appear to have been regular, and your Committee have much pleasure in recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Details of the organization will be given in the regular report of your Committee. The sanction and approval of the Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba was evidenced by the attendance of its principal officers.

Masonry in Western Canada is in a flourishing condition, and we predict for the new Grand Lodge a long and prosperous career.

The Grand Master is H. H. Campkin, of Indian Head, and the Grand Secretary is Dr. J. M. Shaw, of Regina.

Fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved, That the special report of the Board on Foreign Correspondence, relating to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, be received and adopted, and that the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, has great pleasure in recognizing the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Saskatchewan, as a duly constituted Grand Lodge, and in wishing her God-speed in the good work.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. J. H. BURRITT, K. C., PAST GRAND MASTER.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada in Ontario.

Your Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge, to present M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C., the then retiring Grand Master, with a suitable testimonial and address, discharged that pleasing duty by presenting M. W. Bro. Burritt with a cabinet of silver and an address, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

The presentation was made at a special meeting of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, M. W. Bro. Burritt's Mother Lodge, and was witnessed by a large concourse of brethren.

The M. W. brother replied in an eloquent and feeling manner.

Fraternally submitted.

WM. R. WHITE.

E. T. MALONE.

JOHN E. HARDING.

THE ADDRESS.

To M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada in Ontario :
M. W. Sir and Bro. :

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge to provide for the presentation to you of a tangible token of Grand Lodge's appreciation of your services as Grand Master during the last two years, has now great pleasure in discharging that duty.

The duty imposed by Grand Lodge has been a peculiarly pleasant one to every member of the Committee, all of whom have known and been closely associated with you during the two years in which as Grand Master you have ruled Grand Lodge with so much benefit to the Craft and so much honor and credit to yourself.

That you have ably, honestly and efficiently discharged many duties pertaining to the office of Grand Master, is admitted by all your brethren throughout the jurisdiction and by none more cheerfully than the members of this Committee.

To have filled such an important position with the dignity, impartiality and ability that have ever marked your ruling of the Craft during the past two years, is indeed something to be proud of. But beyond the respect in which your name will be ever held among the members of Grand Lodge, for

these qualities, you have personally endeared yourself to every member of the Craft by your kindly and genial disposition and the deep personal interest you have always taken in the various matters dealt with by you during your term of office.

It is the sincere hope of the Committee and of your brethren generally, that you may be long spared to assist with your counsel and advice at many future deliberations of Grand Lodge.

With the sincere hope that the Great Architect of the Universe may shower upon you and those nearest and dearest to you all the blessings of this life and the life to come, the Committee, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, asks you to accept the accompanying testimonial.

Respectfully and Fraternally yours,

WM. R. WHITE.

E. T. MALONE.

JOHN E. HARDING.

Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, having given notice of motion dealing with the question of undress regalia (a matter which had been rejected by Grand Lodge within five years), moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, under section 45 of the Constitution, and it was

Resolved, That leave be given to introduce the notice as to undress regalia, of which notice had been so given.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That Section 262 of the Constitution, respecting Masonic clothing, be amended by adding thereto the following clauses :

UNDRESS CLOTHING.

The following undress regalia and insignia may be worn by Past Grand Officers and members of Grand Lodge :

APRONS.

Past Grand Master.—A plain white lambskin, eighteen inches wide, sixteen inches deep, inclusive of a four-inch garter blue ribbon border, ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in blue silk in the centre, with three levels in blue silk, and gilt chain tassels.

Past Deputy Grand Master.—Apron of same dimensions, with the square and compasses embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past District Deputy Grand Master.—Apron of the same dimensions, bordered with four-inch wide garter blue ribbon, with the name or number of the district in a circle, surrounding a square, and compasses, embroidered in blue silk in the centre.

Past Grand Senior Warden.—Apron of same dimensions, with the level embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Junior Warden.—Apron of same dimensions, with the plumb embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Chaplain.—Apron of same dimensions, with the Book within the triangle, surmounting a glory or radiated star of 12 points.

Past Grand Treasurer.—Apron of same dimensions, with key embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Secretary.—Apron of same dimensions, with two pens in saltire or crossed over, tied by a ribbon, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Registrar.—Apron of same dimensions, with a scroll with seal appended, embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Deacon.—Apron of same dimensions, with the dove and olive branch embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Superintendent of Work.—Apron of same dimensions, with a semi-circular protractor embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.—Apron of same dimensions, with two rods in saltire or crossed over tied by a ribbon, embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Assistant Grand Secretary.—Same as Grand Secretary, but with the word "Assistant" placed above the crossed pens.

Past Assistant Director of Ceremonies.—Same as Director of Ceremonies, but with the word "Assistant" above and between the two upper ends of the rods.

Past Grand Sword Bearer.—Apron of same dimensions, with two swords in saltire or crossed over, embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Organist.—Apron of same dimensions, with a lyre or harp embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Pursuivant.—Apron of same dimensions, with arms of Grand Lodge surmounting a sword and rod, saltire or crossed, embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Stewards.—Apron of same dimensions, but with crimson edging four inches wide with a flap, bordered with ribbon two inches wide and levels of crimson silk and silver tassels hanging from this with crimson ribbon in centre, no embroidery.

Past Grand Standard Bearer.—Apron of similar dimensions, with two staves in saltire, tied by a ribbon flowing from the dexter, a standard of the arms of the Grand Lodge, and from the sinister a standard of the arms of the Grand Master for the time being.

COLLARS AND JEWELS.

All collars to be of plain garter blue ribbon, four inches wide, and appended the jewel of the office in an oval wreath of gold.

NOMINATIONS.

Nominations for election of Grand Officers and members of the Board of General purposes for the ensuing year were received.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at six o'clock p. m., to meet again at 9.30 a. m. on July 16th.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, July 16th, 1908.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9.30 o'clock a. m. It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope Chairman of the scrutineers of the ballot for grand officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, and directed him to select a sufficient number of brethren to act with him and to report the result of the ballot to Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board, to which was referred the address of the M. W. the Grand Master for consideration, beg to report as follows :

The Board wish to express their gratification at the evidence of the continued prosperity of the Craft in our jurisdiction during the past year, as set out in the address of the M. W. the Grand Master. That lodges will multiply, finances increase, with the increase in population of the Province and in reasonable proportion to such Provincial growth, is to be expected, but the gratifying feature of the figures is that Grand Lodge is able to increase her grants for the relief of distress from year to year, though the necessity for such outlay is painful.

Your Board heartily endorse the feeling remarks of the M. W. Grand Master with reference to the sad death of our beloved Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Murray. A loss of such

a life, both to Masonry and the place where such a life has its influence, is severely felt. In the world the place of any man, no matter how great, is soon filled, and perhaps it is well it should be so, but in the smaller world of our Masonic jurisdiction such a loss will be felt for years ; but, after all, M. W. Bro. Murray's death has its good effect upon all of us. While in life his good qualities, though admitted, did not leave the impression upon us as his death has drawn our attention to, and from the contemplation thereof good will accrue to all of us.

Your Board wish to congratulate the Grand Master upon the excellence of his address. It is a business document from first to last, expressed in such phraseology as only an experienced journalist can command.

With respect to the M. W. Grand Master's rulings, your Board wish to refer to No. 4, for the purpose of explaining to the younger Mason who may read it, that the M. W. Grand Master in using words "from another jurisdiction," means a jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Without thought, his quoted expression might be taken to mean the jurisdiction of a lodge outside of the jurisdiction of the lodge in which occurs the matter referred to in the case mentioned.

Your Board entirely concur with the M. W. Grand Master in his remarks with respect to using Masonry for private gain, and chain letters, clearly demonstrating that the M. W. Grand Master has a healthy mind and a clear insight into the true principles which should govern the Masonic institution.

The Board trust the M. W. the Grand Master will be spared to continue his work as our chief ruler for another year, and by his good advice again serve to complement our Masonic literature with evidence that the G. L. of Canada does not make many mistakes (indeed none) in its selection of material for the Grand East.

Fraternally submitted.

A. A. STEVENSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

The following greeting from the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Ontario, meeting at the City of Hamilton, was received by telegram :

Hamilton, July 15th, 1908.

To R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. :

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Ontario, in annual convention assembled, send fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario, and wish for it a continuance of the prosperity which has been vouchsafed during the past fifty years.

ALEX. COULTER,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seals.

To which the following reply was sent :

Niagara Falls South, July 16th, 1908.
 Alex. Coulter, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals,
 Knights of Pythias of Ontario :

The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, acknowledges with feelings of the warmest reciprocal appreciation the fraternal greetings and kind wishes of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Ontario, and hopes that the good work so ably carried on by that order will, with the blessing of Providence, increase from year to year, and that prosperity and harmony will prevail for all time.

R. L. GUNN,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge was called from labor at one o'clock p. m., to meet again at three o'clock p. m.

CALLED ON.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at three o'clock p. m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

V. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the Ballot, presented the following report of the names of the brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes :

M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Sarnia, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. E. E. Fraser, Niagara Falls, Grand Senior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. J. C. Bartram, Ottawa, Grand Junior Warden.
 M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C., Toronto, Grand Treasurer.
 R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.
 R. W. Bro. D. Rutherford, Owen Sound, Grand Registrar.
 R. W. Bro. Rev. F. C. Harper, Niagara Falls South, Grand Chaplain.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge,
 Bro. John Robertson, London, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, Kingston.
 R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay.
 R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Ottawa.
 R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, Hamilton.

Subsequently the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years, viz. :

R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. Frederick Harcourt, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, Ottawa.

R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, Sarnia.

R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Broderick, London.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of lodges and Past Masters of the respective districts and were confirmed by the M. W. Grand Master:

- R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Moody, Highgate, Erie District No. 1.
- " J. B. Livingston, Point Edward, St. Clair District No. 2.
- " J. W. Metherall, London, London District No. 3.
- " R. E. Cooper, Seaforth, South Huron District No. 4.
- " J. J. Foster, Listowel, North Huron District No. 5.
- " Robert Gant, Paris, Wilson District No. 6.
- " W. F. Randall, Guelph, Wellington District No. 7.
- " E. Finlay, Georgetown, Hamilton District No. 8.
- " E. C. Campbell, Shelburne, Georgian District No. 9.
- " J. DeWolf Randall, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara District No. 10.
- " James Haywood, Toronto, Toronto West Dist. No. 11.
- " J. S. Lovell, Toronto, Toronto East District No. 11a.
- " Jos. White, Whitby, Ontario District No. 12.
- " John Newton, Belleville, Prince Edward Dist. No. 13.
- " A. B. Carscallen, Enterprise, Frontenac District No. 14.
- " W. T. Hands, Richardson, St. Lawrence Dist. No. 15.
- " S. S. Davidson, Ottawa, Ottawa District No. 16.
- " Fred. Symes, Fort William, Algoma District No. 17.
- " A. C. Rorabeck, North Bay, Nipissing District No. 18.
- " J. H. Metcalfe, Emsdale, Muskoka District No. 19.
- " A. H. C. Long, Port Hope, Otonabee District No. 20.
- " Rev. C. O. Carson, Wales, Eastern District No. 21.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments to office for the ensuing year :

- V. W. Bro. Thomas E. Epps, Hamilton, Grand Senior Deacon.
- " Allan Cameron, Owen Sound, Grand Junior Deacon.
- " Wm. H. Hutchinson, Toronto, Grand D. of Ceremonies.
- " J. H. Macabe, Toronto, Asst. Grand Secretary.
- " Wm. Oldham, Sarnia, Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
- " H. Carl Jones, Vankleek Hill, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " G. R. Mencke, Bridgeburg, Grand Organist.
- " T. M. Cornett, Gananoque, Asst. Grand Organist.
- " Edmund Barber, Toronto, Grand Supt. of Works.
- " J. G. Constable, St. Mary's, Grand Pursuivant.
- " Alfred Miers, Walkerville, Grand Steward.
- " Francis Patterson, Thamesford, Grand Steward.
- " R. B. Harris, Forest, Grand Steward.
- " James McClelland, Grand Valley, Grand Steward.
- " W. H. Easterbrooke, Burlington, Grand Steward.
- " Donald McKay, Beaverton, Grand Steward.
- " Geo. Drewry, Brighton, Grand Steward.

- " Chas. T. Wilkinson, Brockville, Grand Steward.
- " O. G. Copeland, Pembroke, Grand Steward.
- " T. B. Allen, Port Arthur, Grand Steward.
- " D. M. Grant, Huntsville, Grand Steward.
- " J. K. Allen, Newcastle, Grand Steward.
- " Geo. Muller, Springfield, Grand Standard Bearer.
- " A. N. Grasswell, Mattawa, Grand Standard Bearer.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The City of London was chosen as the meeting place of the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Niagara Falls and vicinity for the excellent accommodation provided and the kindly attentions shewn to the members during this annual communication.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Credentials for their services.

INSTRUCTION OF D. D. G. M's.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. I. H. Burritt to instruct the newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office generally.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson proceeded with the investiture of the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters, who were saluted with the customary Grand Honors.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, installed and invested the other newly elected Grand officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Grand Honors.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Scrutineers of the ballot for their efficient services.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. C. Harper, Grand Chaplain, and

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Grand Lodge be accorded to M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson for his able services in the installation of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Grand Chaplain then invoked the blessing of the Most High upon the members of Grand Lodge during the coming recess.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 3.30 o'clock p. m. in ample form.

ATTEST :



R. H. Gunning
Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24,

Also Receipts From Lodges for the Year Ended 31st

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	aNiagara	Niagara	W. on or b.f.m	Chas. B. Brown.	Sam'l Campbell.
3	aThe An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday..	Wm. H. Gimblett	R. Easton Burns
5	aSussex	Brockville	3rd Monday ..	A. E. Shaver....	Geo. K. Dewey...
6	The Barton	Hamilton	1st Friday	Geo. V. Taylor....	Geo. H. Bull.....
7	Union	Grimsby	Th. on or b.f.m	Jas. S. Morris....	A. E. Phipps.....
9	aUnion	Napanee	F. on or b.f.m	R. A. Crockery...	W. B. Grieve.....
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b.f.m	L. T. Atkinson....	J. Porter
11	aMoir	Belleville	W. on or b.f.m	A. E. McColl.....	John Newton.....
14	aTrue Britons.....	Perth	1st Monday ..	Wm. T. Hands....	F. V. Briffan....
15	St. George's.....	St. Cathar'n's	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. S. McCordick..	A. N. Lindsay...
16	aSt. Andrew's.....	Toronto	2nd Tuesday...	J. W. Rogers.....	John Pearson...
17	St. John's.....	Colourg	Tu. on or b.f.m	John G. Nichols..	Robert Buck....
18	aPrince Edward...	Pictou	Th. on or b.f.m	D. J. Barker.....	K. H. Hubbs....
20	aSt. John's.....	London	2nd Tuesday...	Jas. O. Weidon...	M. D. Dawson...
21a	aSt. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. A. MacInnes...	J. D. McLaurin...
22	aKing Solomon's...	Toronto	2d Thursday..	Norman Elder...	John Tanner....
23	Richmond.....	Richm'd Hill	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. H. Legg.....	H. A. Nicholls...
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	F. on or b.f.m	Jno. R. Nichol...	G. W. Fluker....
25	aIonic	Toronto	1st Tuesday...	H. M. Mowat.....	Jas. M. Spence...
26	aOntario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday..	Regin'd Hayden	W. J. Robertson.
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	3rd Friday	Fred. T. Smye....	Wm. C. Morton...
28	aMount Zion.....	Kemptville...	W. b.f.m	H. Bustard	S. H. Guest
29	aUnited	Brighton	Th. on or b.f.m	A. H. Foster	B. C. H. Becker..
30	aComposite	Whitby	1st Thursday..	A. F. Lawler	R. S. Cormack...
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanville	W. on or b.f.m	Jno. H. McMurtry	J. S. Moorecraft.
32	aAmity	Dunnville...	W. on or a.f.m	Jas. R. Robb.....	W. D. Patterson.
33	aMaitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday...	G. L. Parson, s...	Jas. H. Tigert...
34	aThistle	Amherstb'rg	Tu. on or b.f.m	E. A. Patton	Fred. J. Maloney
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga	Th. on or a.f.m	E. S. Baxter	J. W. Shepherd...
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll	1st Friday	Geo. Naylor	R. T. Agar
38	aTrent	Trenton	Tuesday b.f.m	J. W. Crews.....	R. H. Spencer...
39	aMount Zion.....	Brooklin	Th. on or b.f.m	James Moore.....	John J. Moore...
40	aSt. John's.....	Hamilton	3rd Thursday..	James Gill	W. J. McAllister.
41	aSt. George's.....	Kingsville...	Th. on or b.f.m	Byron A. Smith.	Geo. Rumble....
42	aSt. George's.....	London	1st Thursday..	Geo. Bott	A. Ellis
43	King Solomon's...	Woodstock...	1st Tuesday...	L. E. Edwards....	A. McGachie....
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas ..	1st Thursday..	Geo. Geddes.....	L. Slater
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday...	Wm. Bantham...	Geo. Whitwill...
46	aWellington	Chatham	1st Monday	W. W. Turner....	Alex. Gregory...
47	aGreat Western ..	Windsor	Th. on or b.f.m	Gold'sth English	Geo. E. White...
48	aMa loe	Madoc	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. M. Wright...	A. H. Watson....
50	aConsecon.....	Consecon	F. on or b.f.m	E. M. Johnston...	S. A. Moran, M.D.
52	aDalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday...	E. J. McCleery...	H. W. Jackson...
54	aVaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m	Geo. H. Keyes....	J. B. McLean...
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	Tu. on or b.f.m	Rev. J. Coleman...	G. B. Magee....
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	1st Tuesday...	A. V. Collins....	F. C. Watson....
57	aHarmony	Bnbrook	W. on or b.f.m	E. J. Whitworth..	D. G. McIlwraith
58	aDoric	Ottawa	1st Friday	W. H. Graham...	A. H. Armstrong
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday	Burwell Griffin...	Wm. Ostler
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	W. on or b.f.m	James McGregor...	John Thompson
63	aSt. John's.....	Carleton Place	2d Wednesday	W. H. Hooper....	A. T. Hudson....
64	aKilwinning	London	3rd Thursday..	S. F. Glass	R. W. Glover....
65	aRehoboam	Toronto	1st Thursday..	Alfred Davis....	Geo. H. Mitchell
66	aDurham	Newcastle...	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. H. Gibson....	A. W. McLeod...
68	aSt. John's.....	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	A. J. Hartley....	S. M. Douglas...
69	aStirling	Stirling	Th. after f.m.	W. R. Howson...	G. W. Bailey...
72	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	C. L. McWilliams	A. J. Oliver
73	aSt. James	St. Marys	1st Monday	T. L. Sinclair....	A. Carman
74	aSt. James	S. Augusta...	M. nearest f.m	E. A. McKim....	H. H. Throop...
75	St. John's.....	Toronto	1st Monday ..	Jas. Knowles...	R. G. Langley...
76	aOxford	Woodstock...	2d Monday	J. G. Archibald...	Robt. Anderson..
77	aFaithful Breth'n	Lindsay	1st Friday	A. L. Campbell...	R. G. Cornell...
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tilsonburg...	W. on or b.f.m	Robt. Baird.....	A. E. Raynes....
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	4th Mouday...	E. A. Collins....	Frank Kilkenny..
81	aSt. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	Tu on or b.f.m	Fred. W. Toles...	Thomas C. West
82	St. John's.....	Paris	2nd Tuesday...	J. S. Armitage...	P. Buckley

1903. AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.

May, 1908, and Ledger Balances at that Date.

of Ss. John the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initial'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths	S. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total Memb's	Last Returns	Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger.	
														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
2	5	4	5	1	1	1	3			2	76	Jun1908	\$ 67 00		
3	7	11	12	2	6	3	1			1	179	"	144 50	\$10 00	
5	8	8	8	3	5	1					241	"	146 00		
6	16	19	16	9	1	3					391	"	286 00		
7	7	7	7			4				1	100	"	62 00	1 00	
9	9	5	3	7	2	2	1				131	"	117 25		
10	12	7	7		2	4				2	135	"	98 75		
11	18	19	18	4	4	1	2			2	237	"	178 50	\$ 3 60	
14	2		2			1					103	Dec. '07	57 75		
15	7	6	5			7	4			1	105	Jun1908	56 50		
16	10	14	8	7	1	4	2				319	Dec. '07	244 50		
17	5	7	9	2	2	1				1	112	Jun1908	103 50	3 25	
20	5	4	4	1	3	5	1				242	"	149 00		
21	31	27	25	2		2	7				218	"	175 25		
21u	7	7	7	1	1	1					73	"	54 50		
22	22	18	16	3	2	6					279	"	196 00		
23	2	2	2		1	1	1				46	"	31 75	2 00	
24	9	8	4	2	3	3				2	115	"	112 25	6 00	
25	3	2	1	2	2	1					267	"	90 00	3 00	
26	5	7	8		6	2				1	30		97 25		
27	9	11	14	2	6	4					387	Jun1908	233 25	25	
28	10	9	9	3	3	4					57	"	48 25		
29	6	5	2	1	3	1					121	"	102 25		
30	4	4	5								76	"	54 00		
31	6	3	3	2	2	1	3			3	95	"	63 00	1 75	
32	8	7	6		2	2					111	"	70 00		
33	7	8	9		2	3	3			1	132	"	81 25		
34	13	12	13	3	2					2	94	"	79 25	6 00	
35	6	5	5			1	4				67	"	123 50		
37	10	6	10		3	3	1			3	135	"	109 00	1 25	
38	5	4	5		3	2				2	114	"	77 00		
39											36	Jun1907	17 50	1 50	
40	20	21	25	3	4	5	7			5	441	Jun1908	291 75		
41	7	9	11	15	1	2				1	94	"	115 00	1 25	
42	14	12	9		1	1	3				140	Dec. '07	124 50		
43	14	12	16	1	1	1	6				162	Jun1908	146 75	3 00	
44	33	35	35	6	4	5	5			1	259	"	212 50		
45	16	14	18	2	2	3	6			2	212	"	168 25	75	
46	17	12	17	8	2	2	3			1	195	Dec. '07	157 75		
47	37	31	19	2	5	3				6	327	Jun1908	281 25	10 25	
48	5	6	5	2	4	3				2	129	"	75 20	27 00	
50	1	1		2	3	2	4				56	"	46 75		
52	23	25	22	2		2	3			1	213	"	216 00		
54	4	5		1	1	1					43	"	29 50	25	
55	14	6	5	1		2	6			1	191	"	93 00		
56	12	10	13	3	1	2					213	Dec. '07	151 50	18 00	
57	4	4				2				2	39	Jun1908	23 75		
58	9	11	18	2	3		5			2	172	"	156 50		
61	13	14	14	10		7	2			1	382	"	252 35	10 75	
62	6	4	4		5	1				2	53	"	57 00		
63	7	8	6		6	2					158	"	96 75		
64	13	9	7	1	1	3	3			1	210	"	138 50		
65	44	40	36	12	1	6	2				370	"	316 00	3 00	
66	8	6	5	2	1	1					37	"	21 50		
68	6	4	2							1	95	"	78 25		
69	2	1	1	2		3					61	"	37 00		
72	5	7	8		1	1	5				134	"	69 50		
73	7	7	6	2	4	2	2			1	76	Dec. '07	85 00		
74	7	6	7		2						70	Jun1908	43 00	2 00	
75	17	18	12	3	2	3				1	296	"	243 25		
76	20	22	18	2	3	3				2	194	"	133 00		
77	13	14	14	5	1	3	2				183	"	143 25	50	
78	6	10	13	1	5	5					163	Dec. '07	123 50	7 60	
79	4	8	7		4					2	78	Jun1908	55 75	50	
81	10	7	6	2		1					97	"	118 75		
82	8	4	2	1	3	3					65	"	42 00	1 50	

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1908,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W Master.	Secretary.
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy...	F. a.f.m.....	J. H. Argue.....	R. T. Richardson
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	F. on or a.f.m.	Geo. McLennan.	H. B. C. Cant
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	Th. on or b.f.m	Morley Earl.....	I. C. Aigue
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	3rd Tuesday..	Carl Lehman...	Thos. Pierdon...
87	Markham Union.....	Markham...	F. on or b.f.m	H. J. Davison.....	G. L. Ziegler.....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.	W. on or b.f.m	John A. Armour...	Jno. M. Campbell
90	aManito.....	Collingwood.	W. on or a.f.m	Robt Gilpin.....	C. B. Adair.....
91	aColborne.....	Colborne...	F. on or b.f.m	W. W. Southon...	Geo. Keyes.....
92	aCatarqui.....	Kingston...	2d Wednesday	W. S. R. Murch...	Robt. Hendry...
93	aNorthern Light.....	Kincardine...	1st Wednesday	J. B. Watson.....	M. J. McPherson
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	2d Tuesday...	W. R. Woollatt...	Walter Mitchell.
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	1st Thursday	R. G. Manuel.....	A. J. Wilkes.....
97	aSharon.....	Qu ensville..	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. C. McFarland.	J. T. Power.....
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	F. on or a.f.m	James Wilson...	A. E. Bolton.....
99	aTuscan.....	Newmarket..	2d Wednesday	P. Morgan.....	A. S. Williams...
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	2nd Monday...	J. H. Cliff.....	F. A. Latshaw...
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterboro'...	3rd Friday.....	T. F. Matthews...	M. Comstock.....
103	aMaple Leaf.....	S Catharines	Last Thursday	R. G. Varey.....	H. J. Johnston...
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	W. on or a.f.m	H. W. Eggman...	G. W. Poldon.....
105	aSt. Mark's.....	N. Falls S'th.	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. J. Diemus.....	R. Sloggett.....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	W. on or b.f.m	Samuel Wallace	Geo. Armstrong.
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	W. on or b.f.m	I. C. Brooks.....	G. F. Thornicroft
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton...	F. on or a.f.m	Thos. Conway...	F. J. Daniel.....
109	aAlbion.....	Har'owsmith	F. on or b.f.m	Thos. A. Kerr...	J. S. McKim.....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	1st Tuesday...	John Tyner.....	John F. Graham
113	aWilson.....	Waterford...	W. on or b.f.m	Roy M. Beemer...	R. D. Gibson.....
114	aHope.....	Port Hope...	1st Friday.....	James Leach.....	Thos. H. Bell...
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville...	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. D. Fairbrother	W. C. Bentley...
116	aCassia.....	Thedford...	M. on or b.f.m	F. A. Jennings...	H. S. Clerke.....
118	Union.....	Schomberg...	M. on or b.f.m	M. K. Dillane...	S. Leatherland...
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	M. before f. m	E. P. Shephard...	F. W. Armstrong
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. T. Hart.....	L. J. Else.....
121	aDoric.....	Brautford...	3rd Friday.....	Ross A. Rastal...	J. C. Spence...
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	1st Monday...	John Conley.....	M. McKinnon...
123	aThe Belleville.....	Belleville...	1st Thursday.	A. P. Allen.....	David Barragar.
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	1st Wednesday	R. E. Snetsinger.	John Ridley.....
126	aGolden Rule.....	Cam'bellford	Tu. on or b.f.m	F. C. Bonycastle	H. F. Skey.....
127	aFrank.....	Frankford...	M. before f. m	David Teal.....	W. A. R. Milne...
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke...	1st Thursday.	O. G. Copeland...	S. M. Snedden...
129	The Rising Sun.....	Anrora.....	1st Friday...	E. Braund.....	F. Baldwin.....
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southam'ton	Tu. on or a.f.m	Geo. W. Martin...	E. J. Mitchell...
133	aLebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. W. Taman...	C. H. Sanders...
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	Th. on or b.f.m	W. I. Dick.....	John Irving.....
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville...	Th. on or b.f.m	W. A. Sangster...	J. W. Shankel...
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	F. nearest f.m	Jos. Jordan.....	F. A. Clarke...
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	2nd Tuesday..	T. H. McMurtry.	A. R. McLean...
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	W. on or b.f.m	A. E. Richardson	J. R. Woods.....
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	John Dunbar...	J. W. Morrow...
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg...	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. M. Gorrell...	A. W. Massey...
143	aFriendly Brothers	Iroquois.....	Wednes' b.f.m	Fred. Everetts...	A. B. Carman...
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford...	3rd Friday.....	R. J. Stevenson...	Chris. McLellan.
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook...	Th. on or b.f.m	Geo. E. Burnham	David Hampton.
146	aPrince of Wales...	Newburgh...	Wednes' b.f.m	Ernest Gandier.	G. A. Aylesworth
147	aMississippi.....	Almonte.....	1st Friday.....	G. Lawton.....	M. H. Steele...
148	aCivil Service.....	Ottawa.....	2d Tuesday...	Thos. Shanks...	Thos. Lawson...
149	aErie.....	Port Dover...	M. on or b.f.m	R. J. Miller.....	J. R. Davis.....
151	aThe Grand River	Berlin.....	2d Tuesday...	Chas. A. Boehm.	D. H. Houston...
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming.....	Th. on or b.f.m	W. L. Travis.....	R. Coghlan.....
154	aIrving.....	Lucan.....	Th. on or b.f.m	T. G. Thompson...	D. B. McVicar...
155	aPeterboro'.....	Peterboro'...	1st Friday.....	E. E. Lord.....	W. H. Walkey...
156	aYork.....	N. Toronto...	3rd Friday.....	F. W. Goulding...	Hy. G. Cooper...
157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....	Tu. on or b.f.m	R. H. Preston...	Jos. H. Butler...
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs...	Thursdy a.f.m	E. A. Kortright...	W. S. Duggan...
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond...	1st Tuesday...	H. L. Langdon...	Rev. C. Saddingt'n
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth...	Wednes' b.f.m	J. H. Stone.....	W. A. Losie.....
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	M. on or b.f.m	John R. Wendt...	John Booth.....

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

No. of Lodges	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths.	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex- pelled.	Re- stored.	Total M'mb's	Last et'rus	Paid Grand Lodge	Ledger.	
														Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal
83	11	10	11	1	3	2					114	Dec. '07	\$179 00		
84	5	6	6	3	2		2			1	82	Jun1908	106 75		
85	2	2									67	Dec. '07	57 50	\$ 2 00	
86	21	25	24	4	2	2	2			4	298	Jun1908	303 55	\$ 4 00	
87		3	5	1	2	1	1				74	"	83 25		
88	13	13	14		1	1					151	"	96 75	1 00	
90	15	19	14	1		1	4				188	"	150 25	7 25	
91	5	5	2	2	3	2				2	106	"	70 25		
92	15	15	14	4	2	3				1	181	Dec. '07	150 50		50
93	5	4	2	2	2	2				1	99	Jun1908	54 75		
94	5	6	4		2	2					70	"	66 50		
96	17	10	11	1	3	1	2				191	"	119 50	3 00	
97	3	3	3		1	3					71	"	47 50	1 25	
98											52	Dec. '06	43 00		6 00
99		2	4		1	1				1	78	Dec. '07	67 00	4 50	
100	8	9	7	1	1	1	5				131	un1908	85 25		
101	11	9	7	5	1	3					142	"	88 75	1 00	
103	13	14	14	4	1	2				1	178	"	137 50		
104	10	10	5	1	2	1				2	96	"	64 75		
105	15	9	5	1		3				1	134	"	88 25		
106	4	4	7		1	2	1			1	80	"	59 00		5 00
107	4	4	4			1					69	"	61 25	1 50	
108	5	2	3		2	1	1			1	35	"	34 25		
109	5	5	4	1	4		4				68	"	43 50		
110	9	9	7	2	2	3					111	"	112 25	3 00	
113	1	3	2		1	1				1	130	Dec. '07	77 00		
114	23	22	22	1						1	141	Jun1908	122 75	3 00	
115	8	8	9		1	1				1	112	"	79 75		
116	4	3	3			2					41	"	33 25	1 50	
118	4	2	1		1						43	"	43 30		
119	1	1	1		2	2	1				59	"	39 25		
120				1			1				56	"	74 50		
121	26	23	24	3	3	3				3	338	"	288 50	6 00	
122	2	4	4		3	3	1				112	"	71 25		
123	13	9	13	3	1	5	8				202	"	146 75		
125	5	3	3	1	1					1	129	"	92 25		
126	3	2	2			1					58	Dec. '07	53 75		
127	8	8	10			2	2			1	109	Jun1908	88 25		6 00
128	7	7	9	2	2	1	2				152	"	108 25		
129	7	5	4	1	3						94	"	75 00	64 75	
131	3	2	2	1		2					76	"	43 25		
133	3	3	2		1	1					90	"	48 50		
135	5	3	3		1	3				1	97	Dec. '07	66 50		
136	3	4	4	2	1		1				62	Jun1908	47 50		
137	11	9	9	5	3	5	1			1	117	"	77 50		
139	4	3	3	1		1					87	Dec. '07	57 00	3 00	
140	1	3	3		5	4					105	Jun1908	93 00		
141	2	2	2		4	1	2				50	Dec. '07	43 00	1 50	
142	6	6	4	3	1					1	71	Jun1908	81 50		
143	5	6	3	2	1					1	107	Dec. '07	145 00	7 00	
144	19	21	23	7		1					185	Jun1908	178 75		
145	5	3	3		2	1				1	58	"	56 25		
146	2				1	1		1			48	Dec. '07	38 75		
147	5	4	3	2	2					1	88	Jun1908	58 50		
148	16	17	12	3	4	2					149	Dec. '07	131 00		
149	5	3	3	1		2				1	68	Jun1908	54 00		
151	11	16	17	6	1	2					189	"	134 00	50	
153	6	5	3		1	2					99	"	74 50	24 75	
154	8	8	7	2	9	1	1			1	73	"	109 00		6 00
155	15	14	15	1	3						217	"	133 00		
156	32	29	29	5	7	3	6			7	165	"	121 75		
157	1	2	3		1	1					68	"	37 75	2 00	
158	7	7	7		4					2	64	"	58 00		3 00
159	6	10	7		3					1	79	"	74 75		
161	4	4	4			3	4				81	Dec. '07	53 00		
162	4	6	4							1	47	Jun1908	47 25		

RETURN OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1908,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge	Where Held.	Night of Meeting	W Master.	Secretary.
164	aStar in the East	Wellington...	Tu.on or b.f.m	H. H. Post.....	W. W. Fitzgerald
165	aBritannia	Burlington	W. on or b.f.m	F. W. Taylor.....	H. A. Graham
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b.f.m	John B Davis ..	R. H. Dewar....
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m	Jas. McNiece.....	John Coulson...
169	aMacnab	Pt. Colborne	Tu.on or b.f.m	D. R. Smith.....	J. A. Tuck.....
170	a1st Britannia	Seaford	1st Monday.	D. J. McCallum...	L. C. Jackson ..
171	aPrince of Wales	Lawrence St'n	F. on or a.f.m	Robt. Turner.....	E. Bodkin.....
172	aAyr	Ayr.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. W. Henderson	J. P. Wylie.....
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan..	Th.on or b.f.m	John F. Brock ..	Jas. Ryan
177	aThe Builders'	Ottawa.....	2d Friday.....	J. N. Ferguson ..	H. H. Cairns....
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville ..	F. on or b.f.m	John Bristow.....	W. R. Henderson
180	aSpeed	Guelph.....	1st Tuesday...	Jno. H. Stevenson	W. G. Stephenson
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. Hollywood...	Gordon Emery...
184	aOld Light	Lucknow....	Th.on or b.f.m	R. R. McLeod....	A. B. McLeod...
185	aEnniskillen	York.....	M. on or b.f.m	C. J. Martindale.	F. W. Brown.....
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet.	M. on or b.f.m	John Sarginson..	John Smith.....
190	aBelmont	Belmont.....	F. on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Meikle ..	James McMillan
192	aOrillia	Orillia.....	F. on or b.f.m	Gordon Grant ..	J. A. Fowle.....
193	aScotland	Scotland....	M. on or b.f.m	Claude Mitchell.	E. H. Corbin....
194	aPetrolea	Petrolea....	2d Wednesday	Wm. J. Barrett..	Mathew Smith...
195	aThe Tuscan	London.....	1st Monday....	H. R. Abbott.....	E. Maingault....
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior....	2d Monday....	W. F. Mackay....	Henry Newham..
197	aSaugen	Walkerton..	2d Tuesday....	A. P. Johnston...	W. B. Thompson
200	aSt. Alban's	MoantForest	F. on or b.f.m	John Hogarth...	T. E. Spiers.....
201	aLeeds	Gananoque..	Tu.on or b.f.m	Chas. A. Watt....	R. G. Graham ..
203	aIrvine	Elora.....	3rd Friday....	J. R. McGregor...	Thos. Godfrey...
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	M. on or a.f.m	W. J. Sutherland	S. G. Holley.....
207	aLancaster	Lancaster...	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. J. Gunn.....	W. N. McGillis..
209a	aSt. John's	London.....	1st Friday....	John H. Wilson..	J. H. Keenleyside
209	aEvergreen	Lanark.....	1st Tuesday...	W. J. Rothwell...	Alex. Buffam....
212	aElysian	Gar'n Island	1st Monday....	Rollie Mullin...	Thos. Lappen...
215	aLake	Ameliasburg	F. on or b.f.m	H. G. Bleecker...	Jas. E. Glenn...
216	aHarris	Orangeville..	Tu.on or b.f.m	Robt. Meek.....	D. McPherson...
217	aFrederick	Delhi.....	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Jeffries....	L. E. Wedd.....
218	aStevenson	Toronto.....	2d Monday....	John Watson.....	Geo. Wilson.....
219	aCredit	Georgetown..	F. on or b.f.m	F. W. Betts.....	N. A. McCallum..
220	aZeredatha	Uxbridge....	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. S. Ormiston	Geo. E. Gilfillan
221	aMountain	Thorold.....	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Laughlin	D. J. C. Munro..
222	aMarmora	Marmora....	Monday a.f.m	W. A. Sanderson	C. A. Bleecker...
223	aNorwood	Norwood....	M. on or b.f.m	B. W. Squire.....	Rev E. A. Pickford
224	aZurich	Hensall.....	Th.on or b.f.m	Jno. B McArthur	Jas. Bonthron...
225	aBernard	Listowel....	F. on or b.f.m	John Kelly.....	J. J. Foster.....
228	aPrince Arthur	Odessa.....	M. on or a.f.m	S. H. Amey.....	Robert Bennett.
229	aIonic	Brampton...	3rd Tuesday...	C. M. French.....	Q. H. McFadden
230	aKerr	Barrie.....	3rd Friday....	F. T. Grafton....	J. F. Smith.....
231	aLodge of Fidelity	Ottawa.....	3rd Tuesday...	A. S. McLroy.....	John F. Stewart.
232	aCameron	Dutton.....	W. on or b.f.m	A. E. Roberts....	F. E. Price.....
233	aDoric	Park Hill....	T. on or b.f.m	E. G. Newton....	Jas. H. Mahon ..
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg..	Tu.on or b.f.m	Alex. Smith.....	J. H. Dickinson.
235	aAldworth	Paisley.....	F. on or b.f.m	R. B. Grant.....	J. P. Fisher.....
236	aManitoba	Cookstown...	Tu.on or a.f.m	W. Griffith.....	H. I. Ross.....
237	aVienna	Vienna.....	F. on or b.f.m	Robt. McLean...	S. S. Clutton....
238	aHavelock	Watford....	Tues. b. f. m.	Arthur Hobbs...	David Watt.....
239	aTweed	Tweed.....	F. on or b.f.m	Thos. Johnstone	James Murray...
242	aMacey	Mallorytown	M. on or b.f.m	C. W. Root.....	L. F. Blanchard..
243	aSt George	St. George...	M. on or b.f.m	F. S. Braithwaite	E. M. Chalcraft..
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville.	Tu.on or b.f.m	Edgar Shennan..	Robert Pye.....
247	aAshlar	Toronto.....	4th Tuesday...	John A. Shaw....	Geo. Barron
249	aCaledonian	Midland.....	M. on or b.f.m	A. C. Adams.....	Wm. McTavish...
250	aThistle	Embro.....	Th.on or b.f.m	G. A. Munro.....	G. M. Creighton.
253	aMinden	Kingston...	1st Tuesday...	L. C. Lockett....	T. D. Minnes....
254	aClifton	Niag. Falls..	1st Thursday..	F. W. Swannell..	Alex. Gray.....
255	aSydenham	Desden.....	2d Thursday..	Rev R. J. Langford	John Watson.....
256	aFarran's Point	Aultsville...	W. on or b.f.m	O. C. Pitts.....	R. H. Hanes.....
257	aGalt	Galt.....	1st Tuesday...	Jas. A. Cowan...	Jas. A. Carrick..
258	aGuelph	Guelph.....	2nd Tuesday..	Chas. A. Walker..	R. T. Powell.....

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														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
164	6	8	7	2	2	1	1				122	Jun'908	\$ 60 75	\$60 50	
165	9	10	10			1	1				109	"	81 00	3 00	
166	4	3	3	1	3	4	1				137	"	65 25	2 50	
168	7	5	4	2	3	2	1				101	"	74 50		
169	4	4	4	2	1	1	1				72	"	38 50		\$ 0 50
170	4	5	7								98	"	69 00	1 00	
171	1	1			2	2				1	38	"	26 50		50
172	3	3	3			1				1	46	"	33 00		1 50
174	1	1									63	"	32 00		2 00
177	6	10	7	2	1	1				1	203	"	167 00		
178	1	2	2	1	1	1					43	"	33 50		
180	3	2	3	2	2	2	2				69	"	41 25		
181	1	1	1	2	3		1				35	"	26 00	1 25	
184	7	7	4				3				102	"	69 00		
185	3	3	3			1	1			2	27	"	32 50		
186	2	3	2	2							49	"	34 25		
190	8	7	6	1			2				62	"	50 00		1 00
192	8	11	13	2	1		1				173	Dec. '07	177 50		5 75
193	10	8	6							1	91	Jun'908	75 75		
194	2	2	1	2			1				85	"	48 00		
195	3	1	1	1		2					90	"	64 50	8 00	
196	4	4	3	1	4	1					106	"	66 75	2 00	
197	5	4	3		6					1	76	"	56 25		12 00
200	6	6	6	1	2	1	2				62	"	52 50	1 50	
201	10	5	5	2	3	5	3				151	Dec. '07	111 50		
203	6	4	4	1	1	3					71	Jun'907	57 00		
205	2	2	2								40	"	28 00		
207											73	"	29 25		
209a	9	10	15	4	1	2	3			2	303	Jun'908	240 50	50	
209	3	3	3			1					47	Dec. '07	33 50		
212	3	4	2				2				24	Jun'907	21 25		
215	7	3	2		2	2	2				70	Jun'908	57 00		9 00
216	9	6	6		4		4				160	"	97 50	3 00	
217					4	2					61	"	44 50	16 25	
218	53	62	49	10	3	2	12			3	232	"	259 50	1 00	
219	6	5	3	1	4		4				87	"	51 00	2 00	
220	13	9	5	3		1					90	"	94 25		7 00
221	8	11	15	4	1	1				1	130	"	100 25	2 00	
222	7	5	4	2	1	1					75	"	44 75	3 00	
223	8	8	11	1	2						94	"	71 00		
224	2	5	4			1	2				82	Dec. '07	47 00		12 00
225	7	5	2	2	5		2			1	91	Jun'908	63 00		
228	1	1	1	1		1					45	"	33 00	25	
229	9	7	7							1	90	"	68 50		
230	2	2	2	1		4	2				103	"	60 00		
231	21	22	19	6	4	3	2				188	"	136 50		
232	2	2	2		3					1	68	"	40 50		50
233	2	2	3	3	3					1	63	"	51 75		
234	4	2	2	1	1						76	Dec. '07	22 50		
235	4	2	1			1					57	Jun'908	61 25		
236	11	13	7		2						67	"	49 75	4 50	
237	4	6	6		1						56	"	44 00		
238	11	10	10	1	1					1	80	"	46 50		
239	14	11	10	1	4						110	"	184 75		19 50
242	3	4	6		2	1	1				87	"	71 75		
243	4	2	3								80	"	46 25	3 75	
245	2	1	3			2	1				61	"	45 00		
247	23	23	22	6	5	6	3				323	"	198 00		
249	13	8	8	1	1	1	3				149	Dec. '07	108 75		
250	5	5	5			1					25	Jun'908	17 50		
253	5	8	7	4	1	2	2				108	"	117 75		
254	17	15	14		4	1	3			3	160	"	109 38		
255	4	4	3				1				76	"	53 50		
256	10	10	10		1	1	1				77	"	80 25		
257	10	7	6	1	1		6			1	148	"	107 75		
258	14	9	9		3		1			1	109	"	96 00	1 25	

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1908,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
259	Springfield.....	Springfield...	M. on or b.f.m.	F. E. Martin	M. M. Black
260	aWashington	Petrolia	1st Wednesday	F. W. Mulligan....	B. Dunlop
261	aOak Branch	Innerkip	Th.on or b.f.m.	T. M. Whiteside ..	R. Q. Irving
262	aHarriston	Harriston	2d Monday.....	N. T. Morrell.....	Rv. C. Scudamore ..
263	aForest.....	Forest	W. on or b.f.m.	G. A. Walters	P. W. Campbell ..
264	aChaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday...	Thos. Saunders....	W. E. Hayes, jr....
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Th.on or b.f.m.	Wm. Riddell	J. E. Francis.....
266	aNorthern Light...	Stayner	Tu.on or b.f.m.	J. E. Doner.....	J. W. Bethune....
267	aParthenon	Chatham.....	1st Wednesday	J. W. Draper.....	J. W. Plewes.....
268	aVerulam	Bobcaygeon ..	F. on or b.f.m.	Thos. H. Nicholls ..	Wm. J. Read.....
269	aBrougham Union	Br. ugham	W. on or a.f.m.	Thos. Patterson ..	R. E. Forsyth
270	aCedar.....	Oshawa	4th Tuesday...	F. E. Hare	L. K. Murton.....
271	Wellington	Erin	W. on or b.f.m.	G. L. Scott	Dugald Campbell ..
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Tu.on or b.f.m.	Jos. G. Duns.....	James Stewart....
274	aKent	Blenheim	2d Monday	C. L. VonGuten ..	John Cocker
276	aTeeswater	Teeswater	Th.on or b.f.m.	R. E. Campbell....	Jo'n Farquhars'n ..
277	aSeymour	P. Dalhousie ..	W. on or b.f.m.	Frank Scott	John Green, sen....
279	New Hope	Hespeler	W. on or b.f.m.	C. K. Henderson ..	John Jardine.....
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Th.on or b.f.m.	G. A. Parrott.....	W. K. Foncar.....
283	aEureka.....	Belleville	W. a. f. m.....	C. N. Sulman.....	W. J. Diamond....
284	St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on orb.f.m.	J. C. Richards	John Wright.....
285	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or a.f.m.	C. E. Norton	W. B. Clifton.....
286	Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday...	A. M. Crawford....	J. A. Morton
287	aShuniah.....	Port Arthur..	1st Tuesday...	Geo. H. Rapsey....	John Forde.....
289	aDoric.....	Lobo	Th.on or b.f.m.	John Oliver.....	P. L. Graham
290	aLeamington.....	Leamington..	Tu.on or b.f.m.	E. E. Quick	Fred. S. Moss.....
291	aDufferin.....	W. Flamboro ..	Th.on or b.f.m.	Wm. P. Fleming ..	Alfred Jones
292	aRobertson	King	M. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Quinlan	A. Carley
294	aMoore.....	Courtright ..	Th.on or b.f.m.	F. A. Johnston....	R. G. Stewart.....
295	aConestogo	Drayton	1st Tues. e.m.	Jas. E. Carpenter ..	R. A. Fowle.....
296	aTemple	St. Catharin's	Last Wednes...	Currie Brown....	K. G. Beaton.....
297	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m.	Chas. H. Belt.....	H. L. Clare
299	Victoria	Centreville..	Th.on or b.f.m.	Frank C. Gerow ..	Robert Cox.....
300	aMount Olivet ..	Thorndale	Th.on or b.f.m.	W. M. Logan	M. N. Wright.....
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday...	J. M. McCutcheon ..	Fred. S. Lewis....
303	aBlyth	Blyth	Tu.on or a.f.m.	Robt. Vint	J. M. Hamilton....
304	aMinerva	Stroud	Th.on or b.f.m.	John S. Leonard ..	James Black.....
305	Humber	Weston	Th.on or b.f.m.	W. J. McFarlane ..	H. J. Alexander ..
306	Durham	Durham	2d Tuesday...	Arthur Gun.....	James R. Gun.....
307	aArkona	Arkona	Th.on or b.f.m.	Fred. Patterson ..	Fred. Nelson.....
309	aMorning Star ..	Carlow	W. on or b.f.m.	Harry Long.....	John Varcoe.....
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge ..	F. on or b.f.m.	Wm. R. Brown....	D. Norton
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg ..	M. on or b.f.m.	Alex. Turner.....	E. E. Parker.....
313	aClementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday...	A. W. Mackenzie ..	E. R. Tate
314	aBlair	Palmerston ..	F. after f. m....	P. J. Faskin	H. McEwing
315	Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	J. L. Taylor	M. B. Mathewson ..
316	aDoric	Toronto	3d Thursday...	W. F. Bilger	J. B. Sutherland..
318	aWilmot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m.	W. C. Armstrong ..	J. A. Butler
319	aHiram	Hagersville ..	Th.on or b.f.m.	Geo. Addy	Thos. E. Elliott....
320	aChester ville ..	Chester ville ..	M. on or b.f.m.	Thos. Wholeman ..	A. S. Morrison ..
321	aWalker	Acton West ..	M. on or b.f.m.	C. R. McIntosh ..	W. Stark
322	aNorth Star	Owen Sound ..	W. a. f. m.....	J. B. Thompson ..	J. F. McCallum....
323	aAlvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m.	James Croft	W. E. Germain....
324	aTemple	Hamilton	2d Tuesday...	Wm. E. Goring....	Thos. Pedler
325	Orono	Orono	Th.on or b.f.m.	T. W. Jackson....	R. Z. Hall
326	aZetland	Toronto	4th Friday.....	W. C. Hall	J. H. Macabe.....
327	The Hammond ..	Wardsville ..	Tu.on or b.f.m.	John McRae	H. A. Wilson.....
328	Ionic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m.	A. F. Rogers	Henry Lowe
329	aKing Solomon ..	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m.	Robt. E. Miller....	James Noble.....
330	aCorinthian	London East ..	1st Tuesday...	J. L. Flannigan ..	H. C. Simpson....
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Th.on or b.f.m.	Victor Foster....	A. C. Hutchison ..
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	2nd Monday...	C. Farquharson....	F. J. Scarff.....
333	Prince Arthur ..	Flesherton ..	F. on or b.f.m.	T. A. Blakely.....	Herbert Smith ..
334	aPrince Arthur ..	Arthur	Tu.on or b.f.m.	Thos. Rafter.....	Peter Gregg, jr....
336	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m.	C. L. McLaren	Jas. Caswell
337	aMyrtle.....	Pt. Robinson ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Wm. D. Marshall ..	Wm. Grisdale....

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S.N. P.D.	S. U. M.C.	Exp'd	Rest'd.	Total Memb's	Last Ret'ns	Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger.	
														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
259	7	5	5		1					1	49	Jun1908	\$ 35 00		
260	6	6	7	3	4	1				1	111	"	58 50		
261	1	1	1	3		1	2				30	"	17 50	\$ 1 50	
262	4	1	1	1	3						85	"	44 50	3 00	
263	7	6	6		2	2	4			1	75	"	52 50		\$ 5 00
264	29	22	13	2		2	4				187	"	173 50		2 00
265	7	6	3								51	"	27 50	10 50	
266	2	3	5	1	4						34	"	22 50	9 25	
267	18	15	15	5	1	4	5				144	Dec. '07	140 75		
268	9	2	3		1						50	"	48 75		5 00
269											57	Jun1906		34 75	
270	3	3	1		3					1	86	Jun1908	82 00		1 00
271	4	3	3		3	1	3				69	"	68 00	3 00	
272	3	5	6			2					108	Dec. '07	66 00	1 50	
274	9	8	10	2			4				90	Jun1907	77 00		
276	3	3				1				1	35	Jun1908	34 50		
277	1	1	2								51	"	32 00		
279	13	13	10		2						77	Dec. '07	105 50		
282	8	9	5	2		2					66	Jun1908	33 50	3 00	
283	8	9	6		1	4	4			2	81	"	78 25		
284	5	7	7		1		2			1	71	"	42 25		
285	2	3	2	2	2					2	82	"	47 05		
286	3	2	5	1	3						86	"	71 50		
287	18	22	17	2	4	7	5				190	"	89 25	7 00	
289	3	3	3			1					43	"	30 00		
290	10	12	8		2		4				126	"	101 50	5 00	
291	7	8	8								92	"	88 50	1 00	
292	4	2	2			1					46	"	41 00		
294	4	4	4		1						47	"	31 00		25
295		1	1	1							59	Dec. '07	42 25	15 25	
296	10	11	7	2	1	2	2				77	Jun1908	72 50		
297	3	2	6	2	2	1					60	"	51 25	3 50	
299	9	8	9				3				38	"	81 01	2 65	
300	1	1	3		2	2					46	"	34 50		1 00
302	14	15	13	2	1	1	7	1		2	218	"	144 00	85 75	
303	5	6	8			1	3				55	"	60 50		
304	5	5	5			1	1				78	"	59 50		50
305				3			1			1	66	"	22 00		
306	10	8	9		1	1					66	"	58 00		
307		2	2	1	2		3				38	"	27 50		
309	3	2	2		1	2					56	Dec. '07	74 75		25
311											49	Jun1906		8 00	
312	11	8	5	1	1	1				2	104	Jun1908	71 50		1 50
313	2	1	3	1	3						72	"	50 00	3 00	
314	9	6	4	1	3						80	"	75 50	1 00	
315	5	3	6		1						51	"	42 75		
316	15	15	15	2	14	3	15	2			374	Dec. '07	257 00		
318	2	2	1	1	1		4				25	Jun1908	50 00		
319	10	10	12	2		1					73	"	61 00		
320	1	2	4	1	2		11			2	66	"	57 25		4 00
321	5	4	4		3	1					56	"	47 25	2 25	
322	12	12	13	5	1		4			2	172	"	120 25		
323	4	3	2	1	2	1	5			1	70	"	75 90		2 25
324	17	10	10	3	5	5	5			2	343	"	208 75	3 00	
325	6	4	2	1							38	"	18 75		
326	21	25	26	3	3	7	4			2	501	"	299 90		
327	2	2	1		2	1	3				31	"	30 00	37 50	
328	1	1	1		1						30	"	14 00		3 50
329	1	4	4		2					1	66	"	56 75		6 25
330	17	10	15	1	1	1					157	"	100 50		5 00
331	3	4	4			1					46	"	36 75		2 50
332	6	7	7	1	9	2	6				169	"	66 00		
333	6	3	1			1					57	"	39 00	2 00	
334	6	7	1	6	1	3	1				57	"	55 00		
336	3	4	4		1					2	61	"	41 00		
337	6	5	6		2		5				46	"	51 75		

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	Tu.on or b.f.m	R. J. Gra ey	James R. Goring
339	aOrient	Toronto.....	1st Tuesday...	H. B. Lloyd	F. H. Anderson...
341	aBruce.....	Tiverton	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. R. Bell	J. M. Bowie
343	aGeorgia.....	Toronto.....	1st Saturday	Chas. G. Smith...	Geo. Thompson...
344	Merrill.....	Dorch'st rS'n	Th.on or b.f.m	Frank Boyes.....	W. J. Canning...
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. E. Gracey.....	A. O. Barrow.....
346	aThe Occident.....	Toronto.....	3d Wednesday	C. W. James.....	C. C. Wightman
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday.....	Wm. A. Ross	T.N.Wansbrugh
348	aGeorgian.....	Pen'tang'sh'e	1st Thursday...	Rev. F. Gilmour	W. H. Hewson...
352	aGranite.....	Parry Sound...	3d Wednesday	W. E. Foot	E. M. Lockie
354	aBrock	Cannington...	W. on or b.f.m	W. V. Pipher.....	Jos. A. Kift.....
356	River Park.....	Streetsville...	Tu.on or b.f.m	T. L. Kennedy	A. W. Cameron...
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	John F. Vance...	John I. Flatt.....
358	aDelaware Valley.	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	T. H. Kennedy	Wm. Harker
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	A. H. Smith	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge ..	1st Tuesday ..	Wm. Fraser	Richard Mills
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday.....	R. S. Cull	J. B. Broadfoot...
362	aMaple Leaf.....	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	R. H. Diehl.....	L. G. Briggs.....
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	Isaac Stevenson.	Jas. A. McEwen
367	aSt. George.....	Toronto.....	1st Friday.....	Wm. Connon	R. C. Gallaher...
368	aSalem	Brockville	2nd Monday.....	T. W. Cumbers...	E. A. Geiger
369	aMimico.....	Lambton M.	Tu.on or b.f.m	Geo. S. Brown...	Wm. Black.....
370	Harmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m	R. Hanna.....	J. W. Russell.....
371	aPrince of Wales..	Ottawa	4th Friday.....	M. Rosenthal	John B. Wright.
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg...	Tu.on or a.f.m	J. W. R. Kee	J. G. Watts.....
373	aCopestone	Welland	1st Thur-day...	David Jones	Thos. Main.....
374	aKeene	Keene	Th.on or b.f.m	R. J. McCamus...	A. D. Anderson...
375	aLorne	Omemece	1st Monday.....	R. J. Weir	W. J. Thorn
376	aUnity	Huntsville...	2d Wednesday	John McLeod	D. M. Grant.....
377	aLorne	Shelburne.....	1st Friday.....	Henry White.....	J. A. Mills.....
378	aKing Solomon's..	London West	2nd Thursday	A. M. Trick	Wm. Nicholl.....
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	W. on or b.f.m.	Oscar Roberts ..	Alex. Grant
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday...	James Dean	Jos. Ward
382	aDoric	Hamilton	3rd Monday.....	Jas. W. Harv-y...	C. V. Emory,M.D.
383	aHenderson	W. Winch'ter	F. on or b.f.m.	W. J. Laflamme	G. H. Challies...
384	aAlpha	Toronto.....	1st Thursday...	P. W. Rogers	E. J. Voss
385	aSpry	Beeton	M. on or b.f.m	L. D. Cherry.....	Geo. N. Giddy...
386	aMcColl	West Lorne...	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. A. Becker	A. Petherick
387	aLansdowne.....	Lansdowne...	Th.on or b.f.m	Geo. Stevens.....	D. A. Haig.....
388	Henderson	Ilderton.....	M. on or b.f.m	D. G. McNeill...	J. H. Robson.....
389	aCrystal Fountain	N Augusta...	W. on or b.f.m	Geo.W.Chapman	R. E. Griggs...
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th.on or b.f.m	W. A. Kelly.....	J. A. Emery
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m	J. G. Little.....	W. H. Ellsworth.
392	aHuron	Camlachie	W. on or b.f.m	J. S. McLean, jr.	A. Trusler
393	Forest.....	Chesley	1st Tuesday...	W. G. Hyland...	W. T. Ross.....
394	King Solomon	Thamesford.	W. on or b.f.m	John Smith	Chas. Garner
395	aParvaim	Comber	Fri.on or b.f.m	C. L. McDermott	W. A. Keith
396	aCedar	Warton	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. M. Newman...	R. G. Trout.....
397	aLeopold	Bridgen	W. on or b.f.m	Duncan Warren ..	A. D. Cotter
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	F. on or b.f.m	J. F. Ross.....	E. Mosgrove
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m	J. W. Cornish	H. W. Yorke.....
400	aOakville	Oakville.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Kaiting.....	C. A. Bradbury...
401	aCraig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday...	F. S. Hall	G. W. Henley
402	Central	Essex	W. on or b.f.m	T. B. S. Tweedale	R. J. Shaw
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday.....	H. D. Drake	A. N. Pettit.....
404	aLorne	Tamworth	F. on or b.f.m	W. S. Wagar.....	Jas. Aylesworth.
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday...	Alex. Ross	G. S. Harkness...
406	aThe Spry.....	Fenel'n Falls	W. on or b.f.m	W. A. Bishop	E. W. Warren
408	Murray	Beaverton	Tu. on or b.f.m	D. E. McKenzie...	W. Williamson...
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	2d Monday.....	Geo. Clipsham...	F. Hornsby.....
410	aZeta.....	Toronto.....	4th Friday.....	F. W. Matthews.	A. E. Fauds.....
411	aRodney.....	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m	Robt. R. Tough ..	E. A. Hugill.....
412	aKeystone.....	S. St. Marie...	1st Tues. e.m.	T. E. Simpson...	J. C. Richardson
413	aNaphtali.....	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu on or b.f.m	W. A. Johnson...	H. Callwood
414	aPequona	Kenora	1st Wednesday	G. W. Smith.....	S. C. Sharnan...
415	aFort William...	Fort W Niam	2d Wednesday	John Armstrong	W. H. Lavery

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED. —Continued.

No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S U M. C.	Exp't'd	Rest'd	Total M'emb's	Last Ret'ns	Paid Grand Lodge	Ledger.	
														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
338	3	3	1								69	Jun1908	\$ 78 25	\$45 75	
339	17	20	18	4	2	3				2	314		256 50		
341											60	Dec. '06	4 00		
343	27	27	21	7	10	3				1	275	Jun1908	186 50	3 00	
344	5	4	2	1	1	1					42		29 00		
345	9	9	9	1	1	1	1				49	"	54 00		
346	11	6	1	1	4						260	"	160 50		
347	4	3	3	1	1	1	2				59	"	60 25	1 25	
348	7	3	2	4							77	"	55 00		
352	7	5	3	2	5	2				1	105	"	98 75	1 00	
354	2	2	2	2	2	1	5				62	"	51 50	3 00	
356	6	4	4	1	1						55	"	40 25		
357	4	4	5				1				98	"	73 00		
358	9	7	6			2					47	"	72 25		
359	4	5	4								52	"	44 75		
360	2	2	4			2					70	"	51 00		
361	11	4		5	4		2				142	"	85 00	11 50	
362					2						51	Dec. '07	32 50		
364	6	6	6		1		1				7	Jun1908		28 50	
367	22	26	27	4		4	3				308		245 50		
363	5	7	8	1							167	"	133 25	6 00	
369	14	10	4	2	4	1				5	88	"	67 00		
370	7	6	5		2	2					67	Dec. '07	60 75		
371	6	11	9		1	1				1	133	Jun1908	101 00		
372	6	6	7		2					1	92	"	62 00		
373	10	11	14	1							83	"	90 75		
374	2	1	1		2						33	"	12 25		
375	2	2	2					1			38	Dec. '07	100 75		
376	6	7	9		2						110	Jun1908	104 50	2 00	
377	9	5	5	2	4						75	"	41 25		
378	19	21	18				4				132	"	112 60	1 00	
379	4	4	4		1					1	35	Dec. '07	34 00		\$50 00
380	20	18	20		5	1				2	202	"	168 75		
382	18	20	24	3	4	4	5			2	298	Jun1908	212 00	5 00	
383	10	11	9	1	2	2				1	102	"	34 25		
384	46	44	46	10	8	5				1	340	"	304 00	50	
385	10	9	6	1	4						73	"	64 75		1 00
386	6	3	3	2	2	1	1				82	"	66 25	1 00	
387	2	3	3	1							46	Jun1907	37 25		2 75
388											35	Jun1906	1 00		
389	2	3	1		1						48	Jun1908	32 75		
390	2	5	5		2						36	Dec. '07	58 00	50	
391	5	4	5	1	2						78	Jun1908	77 75		
392	4	4	4	1	2		4			3	70	"	54 50		
393	4	5	6	3	1						53	"	61 00		
394	3	5	4		2		3				68	"	62 25		
395	1	1	3								55	"	26 50		
396	6	4	4	1	1						115	"	129 00	33 75	
397	5	5	2		1						69	Dec. '07	53 50		
398											35	Jun1906			1 00
399	5	5	2			1	1				37	Jun1908	38 00		
400	5	8	12	3	1	1	3				131	"	88 00		
401	7	7	8		3						83	"	73 75		
402	2	2	2	2	2	3					62	"	55 50		
403	23	26	25	4	2	3	7				245	"	187 25	4 00	
404	6	5	8	1	1						68	"	74 25		2 00
405	2			1	4		1			1	85	"	56 25		
406	5	4	5		3						77	"	60 50		
408	2	2	2	1	1		1				52	"	32 50		
409	4	3	2	1	1					2	86	"	65 00	1 50	
410	20	18	18	6	3	3	6				237	"	209 50	1 00	
411	13	14	15	2	2	2	1				43	"		2 00	
412	15	10	10	5	4	4	6				254	"	209 25		
413											77	Jun1905			
414	22	14	12	2	12	1	12			2	132	Jun1908	148 50	3 00	
415	8	10	10	1		1	5			1	146	Dec. '08	127 00	4 00	

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1908.

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. E. A. Pocock ..	C. W. Bullock...
417	aKeewatin	Keewat'n Mls	1st Friday.....	L. D. McCall.....	A. J. Holmes.....
418	aMaxville	Maxville.....	2nd Tuesday...	D. M. McLean....	J. C. Jeffrey
419	aBismarck	Pt. Edward ..	2nd Monday....	F. J. McKee	B. F. George
420	Nipissing	North Bay....	2nd Monday....	W. J. Johnston....	Wm. A. Griffin....
421	aScott	Grand Valley	W. on or b.f.m	Stewart Tate.....	Wm. McIntyre....
422	Star of the East ..	Bothwell	W. on or b.f.m	A. D. Graham.....	F. J. Shreve
423	aStrong	Sundridge....	3d Monday.....	W. H. Johnston....	W.W. Robertson ..
424	aDoric	Pickering	Th. on or b.f.m	John Gormley....	M. S. Chapman ..
425	aSt. Clair	Sombra	Tu. on or b.f.m	G.M. Shepardon...	R. G. Stokes
426	aStanley	W. Tor Junc ..	1st Tuesday....	W. D. Thomas....	Wm. Harris
427	aNickel	Sudbury	1st Wednesday	R. S. Mitchell....	J. G. Lowe.....
428	Fidelity	Port Perry....	F. on or b.f.m	F. D. McGrattan...	H. G. Hutcheson ..
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin....	Th. on or b.f.m	Wm J. Muir	Geo. W. Smith....
430	aAcacia	East Toronto	3rd Monday....	J. C. Hunter	L. H. Graham.....
431	Moravian	Eden Grove..	F. on or a. f.m	Alex. McKeeman...	Wm. Benedict....
432	aHanover	Hanover	F. on or b.f.m	John Mills	C. H. Withun
433	aBonnehchere ..	Eganville....	2nd Monday....	J. C. Gourley....	James Reeves....
434	aAlgonquin	Emsdale	Tu. on ora.f.m	G.F. Richardson ..	A. W. Freeland...
435	aHavelock	Havelock	F. on or b.f.m	W. Herrington....	Ward Patterson ..
436	aBurns	Hepworth....	Tu. on or a.f.m	Wm. Cameron....	A. B. Gowdy
437	aTuscan	Sarnia	3d Wednesday	John Boyd	Geo. Wenino.....
438	aHarmony	Toronto	4th Monday....	A. H. Loughheed..	W. T. Martin
439	aAlexandria	Alexandra....	1st Tuesday....	Geo. Bradley....	David Wason....
440	Arcadia	Minden	F. on or b.f.m	A. J. Hewitt	W. S. Muun
441	Westport	Westport	1st Friday.....	T. A. Jeach	W. M. Ewait.....
442	aDymont	Thessalon....	Th on or b.f.m	J. H. R. Elliott....	N. H. Rutherford ..
443	aPowassan	Powassan....	2nd Friday.....	A. S. Porter	Jas. Arthurs.....
444	aNitetis	Creemore	Tu. on ora.f.m	Nor'm R. Cooper ..	Geo. E. J. Brown ..
445	aL'ke of the Woods	Kenora	2nd Wednes'y.	W. A. Wilson....	Wm. Johnston....
446	aGranite	Fort Frances	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. P. Wright	L. Christie
447	Sturgeon Falls ..	Sturgeon Fl's	M. on or b.f.m	A. W. Smith	H. C. Anderson....
448	Xenophon	Wheatley....	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. W. Healey....	E. Hanson
449	aDundaik	Dundalk	M. on or b.f.m	J. W. Armstrong ..	W. J. Fry.....
450	aHawkesbury....	Hawkesbury..	Thursd'y b.f.m	A. P. Rutherford ..	H. H. Kirby
451	aSomerville	Kinmount	Th. on or b.f.m	Geo. H. Dawkins ..	Amos Train
452	aAvonmore	Avonmore	Tu. on or b.f.m	A. H. McMillan....	S. Shaver.....
453	Royal	Ft. William..	1st Wednesday	John J. Wells....	F. C. Perry.....
454	aCorona	Burk's Falls..	1st Monday....	C. W. Coulter	J. W. Harris
455	Doric	Little Cur'nt	Tu. on or b.f.m	Jos Ellenton....	Geo. M. Stringer ..
456	Elma	Monkton	Th. on or b.f.m	Oliver Duffield..	A. R. Terry
457	Century	Merlin	1st Monday....	J. E. Armstrong ..	E. W. Neal
458	aWales	Wales	M. on or b.f.m	J. G. Colquhoun ..	F. Warren
459	aCobden	Cobden	2d Tuesday....	A. W. Mair	F. B. Elliott
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay.	Th. on or b.f.m	C. C. Gilbert	H. F. Gilbert
461	aIonic	Rainy River..	1st Thurs. e.m	A. W. Walsh	E. S. Fairbanks...
462	Temiscaming	NewLisbeard	3rd Thursday.	C. B. Taylor	Thos. Armsgrong ..
463	aNorth Entrance.	Haliburton....	4th Fri. e.m....	G. H. McBrien....	A. E. Jones
464	King Edward	Sunderland..	Fr. on or b.f.m	E. G. Sutherland ..	R. J. Shier
465	Carleton	Carp	Fr. on or b.f.m	T. A. Brown	T. E. Argue.....
466	aCoronation	Elmvale	1st Friday.....	W. J. McGuire....	J. L. Thompson ..
467	Tottenham	Tottenham....	Fr on or b.f.m	A. P. Potter	R. J. McCabe....
468	Peel	Caledon East	Fr. on or b.f.m	G. W. Berney	Jno. W. Phillips..
469	Algoma	Sa'lSt. Marie	2nd Wedn'sd'y	Geo. Fisher	H. S. Hamill
470	Victoria	Vic. Harbor ..	Th on or b.f.m	Geo. J. Vent	H. C. Smyth
471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa	1st Wed., E.M.	John Lennox....	Carl A. Herber....
472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	1st Wed., E.M.	W. G. White....	C. C. Platt.....
473	The Beach-ers ..	BalmvBeach ..	2nd Friday....	R. J. W. Barker....	E. F. Walker
474	Victoria	Toronto Jun.	3rd Tuesday...	J. S. Hill	D. D. Macdonald ..
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	3rd Saturday..	James Hooper....	G. H. Lanigan....
476	Corinthian	North Gower	Fr. on or b.f.m	J. H. Cryderman ..	W. Pettapiece....
477	Harding	Woodville....	Fr. or a.f.m	Wm. Kannawin...	A. E. Stabank....
478	Milverton	Milverton	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Livingston..	W. J. Zoeger.....
479	Russell	Russell	W. on or b.f.m	Walter Rowan....	W. H. Lowrie....
480	Williamsburg	N. Wmsburg ..	1st Thursday..	Chas. Whitteker..	W. C. Whitteker..
481	Corinthian	Toronto	2nd Thursday.	John Stephens....	C. H. Corton.....

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

No. of Lodge	Initial'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With-drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'l'd	Rest'd.	Total M'ns	Last Return	Paid Grand Lodge	Ledger.	
														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
416	3	3	3								46	Jun1908	\$ 34 75		
417	9	7	7	3			6	7			69	"	60 00		
418	1	2	3	1	3						77	"	54 75	\$ 5 75	
419	2	2	2			2					83	"	47 00		
420	20	9	7	9	4	2				3	148	"	133 75		
421	3	2	3		3						86	"	68 75		\$ 3 00
422	5	5	4			1					50	"	29 50		
423	6	5	6		3	1				1	69	"	50 25		
424	3	2	2	1	2	1					43	"	61 00		
425	4	6	7	2	3	3					74	"	56 25		
426	22	19	21	2	2	2					266	"	185 25		
427	13	8	7	1	2	1				2	167	"	124 05	1 00	
428	2	1	4								99	"	34 25		
429	4	4	3	2							57	"	34 75		
430	22	18	20	2	9		5				137	"	134 00	3 00	
431					1						53	"	34 50		
432	7	3	1								53	Dec. '07	50 25		
433	9	8	5		7	1					57	Jun1908	77 75		
434	7	4	2	1	1						58	Dec. '07	63 75		
435	7	4	4		2	1					88	"	68 00	1 00	
436	3	3	2	1	4						39	Jun1908	17 50	29 25	
437	8	5	5	3	4	2					153	"	122 50		
438	13	12	10		3						325	Dec. '07	250 00	7 00	
439		2	6	1							55	Jun1908	47 00		
440	5	6	5			1					52	"	47 50		2 00
441	15	10	7	1	2						51	"	62 00		
442	8	7	12	2	4	1				3	86	"	80 00		
443											53	Jun1907	78 00	6 00	
444	4	3	3		4		2				60	Dec '07	43 00		
445	8	7	4	1	2	1					47	Jun1908	56 00		
446	6	6	5	1	3		1				68	"	51 75	3 00	
447	9	14	14		2	2					62	"		2 00	
448											42	Jun1907	54 50	4 00	
449			1	1	2						38	Jun1908	19 00		50
450											54	Jun1907	50 50		
451	6	6	5		2		2			1	56	Jun1908	43 00		
452	2	5	4	1		1	1				48	"	31 75		3 00
453	6	8	9	2			1				91	"	67 50		
454	8	10	11		2	1					51	"	45 50		3 00
455	13	11	8	3	4		2				74	"	69 25		1 50
456	2	2	2			1	1				40	"	12 00	22 00	
457	3	3	3			1					28	"		55 75	
458	4	5	5								63	"	46 25		
459	2		2		2	1					55	Dec. '07	18 50		
460	3	2		1	2	1					57	Jun1908	38 25		
461	8	9	13		4						67	Dec. '07	63 75		
462	22	18	19	2	8						106	Jun1908	147 25	5 50	
463	4	4	3	2	2						38	"	44 50		
464		1	2		1						50	Dec. '07	57 25		
465	3	4	3	1	1						56	Jun1908	51 75	12 50	
466	4	3	2	1	1	1					60	"	41 00		
467											41	Jun1906	42 50		
468	3	6	4		1						47	Jun1908	30 50		
469	7	6	7	3	2	1					85	"	75 00		50
470	14	15	12	1	2						79	"	81 75	2 75	
471	3	3	3	1							47	"	37 75		
472	12	15	14	1	3						54	"	59 00	4 00	
473	18	10	7	9	3		3				127	"	161 25	13 50	
474	16	10	10	4	2		2				99	"	84 50	12 50	
475	18	19	23	6	2	1	2				86	"	113 75		
476	8	9	8	1		4					59	"	61 00	4 00	
477	2	2	2								46	"	139 25	17 50	
478	8	3	2		1						39	"	60 75		
479	5	8	5	2							43	Dec. '07	61 75		
480	7	6	5	2							28	Jun1908	47 00		
481	13	12	10		2						71	"	69 50		

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1908.

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
482	Bancroft	Bancroft	Fr. on or b.f.m	John Ballard.....	J. A. Eby.....
483	Granton	Granton.....	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. Dann.....	C. M. Webb
484	Golden Star	Dryden.....	.....	Wm. A. Quibell.	A. E. Annis.....
485	Haileybury	Haileybury...	.....	N. J. McAuley...	A. E. Way.....
486	Silver	Cobalt .....	.....	John D. Byrnes.	R. C. Steven-on
U.D.	Penewobikong	Blind River..	2nd Monday...	W. G. White ...	.....
U.D.	King Edward	Harrow.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	F. E. Richardson	J. E. Knapp.....
U.D.	St. Andrew's	Arden	Tu.on or b.f.m	John W. Brown	.....
U.D.	Osiris	Smith's Falls	Friday a.f.m..	F. C. Hagar	J. C. Douglas....
U.D.	Acacia	Markdale.....	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. A. Armstrong	J. W. Tucker.. ...

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—*Continued.*

Total Receipts from Lodges.....	\$32989 73
Interest.....	5116 07
Sundries.....	649 00
Refund from San Francisco Relief Com- mittee, Grand Lodge of California.....	200 00
Debitures Redeemed.....	15342 85
	\$ 54297 65

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1. (25.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Moody, Highgate.

No. 31, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 386, McColl.....	West Lorne
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville	" 390, Florence.....	Florence
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham	" 391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
" 47, Great Western.....	Windsor	" 395, Parvaim.....	Comber
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	" 402, Central.....	Essex
" 255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	" 403, Windsor.....	Windsor
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham	" 411, Rodney.....	Rodney
" 274, Kent.....	Blenheim	" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre
" 282, Lorne.....	Glencoe	" 422, Star of the East.....	Rothwell
" 290, Leamington.....	Leamington	" 448, Xenophon.....	Whitely
" 312, Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	" 457, Century.....	Merlin
" 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville	U.D. King Edward.....	Harrow
" 336, Highgate.....	Highgate		

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. B. Livingston, Point Edward.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore.....	Courtright
" 81, St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona.....	Arkona
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	" 323, Alvinston.....	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia.....	Thedford	" 328, Ionic.....	Napier
" 153, Burns.....	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin.....	Melbourn
" 158, Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron.....	Cambridge
" 194, Petrolea.....	Petrolea	" 397, Leopold.....	Brigden
" 238, Havelock.....	Watford	" 419, Bismarck.....	Point Edward
" 260, Washington.....	Petrolea	" 425, St. Clair.....	Sombra
" 263, Forest.....	Forest	" 437, Tuscan.....	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (26.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. W. Metherall, London.

No. 20, St. John's.....	London	No. 289, Doric.....	Lobo
" 42, St. George's.....	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet.....	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's.....	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning.....	London	" 330, Corinthian.....	London East
" 94, St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill.....	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown.....	Nilestown
" 120, Warren.....	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley.....	Delaware
" 140, Malahide.....	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's.....	London W
" 171, Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence	" 379, Middlesex.....	Bryanston
" 190, Belmont.....	Belmont	" 380, Union.....	London
" 195, Tuscan.....	London	" 388, Henderson.....	Ilderton
" 209, St. John's.....	London	" 394, King Solomon.....	Thamesford
" 232, Cameron.....	Dutton	" 399, Moffat.....	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (18)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. E. Cooper, Seaforth.

No. 33, Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 224, Zurich.....	Hensall
" 73, St. James'.....	St. Mary's	" 233, Doric.....	Parkhill
" 84, Clinton.....	Clinton	" 303, Blyth.....	Blyth
" 133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	" 309, Morning Star.....	Carlow
" 141, Tudor.....	Mitchell	" 318, Wilmot.....	Baden
" 144, Tecumseh.....	Stratford	" 332, Stratford.....	Stratford
" 154, Irving.....	Lucan	" 456, Elma.....	Monkton
" 170, Britannia.....	Seaforth	" 473, Milverton.....	Milverton
" 205, New Dominion.....	New Hamburg	" 483, Granton.....	Granton

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. J. Foster, Listowel.

No. 93, Northern Light.....	Kincardine	No. 331, Fordwich.....	Fordwich
" 131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	" 341, Bruce.....	Tiverton
" 162, Forest.....	Wroxeter	" 362, Maple Leaf.....	Tara
" 184, Old Light.....	Lucknow	" 393, Forest.....	Chesley
" 197, Saugeen.....	Walkerton	" 396, Cedar.....	Warton
" 225, Bernard.....	Listowel	" 429, Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
" 235, Aldworth.....	Paisley	" 431, Moravian.....	Eden Grove
" 276, Teeswater.....	Teeswater	" 432, Hanover.....	Hanover
" 284, St. John's.....	Brussels	" 436, Burns.....	Hepworth
" 286, Wingham.....	Wingham		

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WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. Grant, Paris.

No. 19, Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....	Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....	Woodstock	" 178, Plattsville.....	Plattsville
" 63, St. John's.....	Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....	Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....	Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....	Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....	Tilsonburg	" 217, Frederick.....	Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....	Paris	" 237, Vienna.....	Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....	Norwich	" 250, Thistle.....	Embro
" 106, Burford.....	Burford	" 259, Springfield	Springfield
" 108, Blenheim.....	Princeton	" 261, Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
" 113, Wilson.....	Waterford	" 353, Vittoria.....	Vittoria

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. F. W. Randall, Guelph.

No. 72, Alma.....	Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....	Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....	Berlin	" 295, Conestogo.....	Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....	Ayr	" 297, Preston.....	Preston
" 180, Speed.....	Guelph	" 306, Durham.....	Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	" 314, Blair.....	Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....	Elora	" 315, Clifford.....	Clifford
" 216, Harris.....	Orangeville	" 334, Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
" 237, Galt.....	Galt	" 347, Mercer.....	Fergus
" 258, Guelph.....	Guelph	" 361, Waverly.....	Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....	Harriston	" 421, Scott.....	Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....	Erin		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. Finlay, Georgetown.

No. 6, The Baron.....	Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance.....	Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....	Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....	Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....	St. George
" 45, Brant.....	Brantford	" 272, Seymour.....	Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....	Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....	West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....	Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....	Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....	Hamilton
" 103, Valley.....	Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....	Millgrove
" 121, Doric.....	Brantford	" 382, Doric.....	Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair.....	Milton	" 400, Oakville.....	Oakville
" 165, Burlington.....	Burlington	" 475, Dundurn.....	Hamilton

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (24.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. C. Campbell, Shelburne.

No. 79, Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 304, Mineva.....	Stroud
" 83, St. George's.....	Owen Sound	" 322, North Star.....	Owen Sound
" 90, Manito.....	Collingwood	" 333, Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
" 96, Corinthian.....	Barrie	" 348, Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
" 137, Pythagoras.....	Meaford	" 377, Lorne.....	Shelburne
" 192, Orillia.....	Orillia	" 385, Spry.....	Beeton
" 230, Kerr.....	Barrie	" 444, Nitetis.....	Creemore
" 234, Beaver.....	Clarksburg	" 449, Dundalk.....	Dundalk
" 236, Manitoba.....	Cookstown	" 466, Corona ion	Elmvale
" 249, Caledonian.....	Midland	" 467, Tottenham.....	Tottenham
" 266, Northern Light.....	Stayner	" 470, Victoria	Victoria Harbor
" 285, Seven Star.....	Alliston	U. D. Acacia	Markdale

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. DeW. Randall, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

No. 2, Niagara.....	Niagara	No. 221, Mountain.....	Thorold
" 7, Union.....	Grimsby	" 254, Clifton.....	Niagara
" 15, St. George's.....	St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity.....	Dunnville	" 296, Temple.....	St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....	Cayuga	" 319, Hiram.....	Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....	Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls S.	" 337, Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....	Beamsville	" 333, Dufferin.....	Wellandport
" 163, Merritt.....	Welland	" 372, Palmer.....	Bridgeburg
" 169, Macnab.....	Port Colborne	" 373, Copstone.....	Welland
" 185, Enniskillen.....	York	" 471, King Edward VII.....	Chippewa

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11. (23).

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. James Haywood, Toronto.

No. 22, King Solomon's.....Toronto	No. 311, Blackwood.....Woodbridge
" 54, Vaughan.....Maple	" 326, Zetland.....Toronto
" 65, Rehoboam.....Toronto	" 346, Occident.....Toronto
" 86, Wilson.....Toronto	" 356, River Park.....Streetsville
" 98, True Blue.....Bolton	" 369, Minico.....Lambton Mills
" 118, Union.....Schomberg	" 384, Alpha.....Toronto
" 156, York.....North Toronto	" 426, Stanley.....Toronto Junction
" 229, Ionic.....Brampton	" 438, Harmony.....Toronto
" 247, Ashlar.....Toronto	" 468, Peel.....Aldon East
" 265, Patterson.....Thornhill	" 474, Victoria.....Toronto Junction
" 292, Robertson.....King	" 481, Corinthian.....Toronto
" 305, Humber.....Weston	

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11a. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. S. Lovell, Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrew's.....Toronto	No. 269, Brougham Union.....Brougham
" 23, Richmond.....Richmond Hill	" 316, Doric.....Toronto
" 25, Ionic.....Toronto	" 339, Orient.....Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....Toronto	" 343, Georgina.....Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....Markham	" 354, Brock.....Cannington
" 97, Sharon.....Queensville	" 367, St. George.....Toronto
" 99, Tuscan.....Newmarket	" 410, Zeta.....Toronto
" 129, The Rising Sun.....Aurora	" 424, Doric.....Pickering
" 136, Richardson.....Stouffville	" 430, Acacia.....East Toronto
" 218, Stevenson.....Toronto	" 473, The Beaches.....Balmly Beach
" 229, Zeredatha.....Uxbridge	

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO 12 (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Jos. White, Whitby.

No. 30, Composite.....Whitby	No. 408, Murray.....Beaverton
" 39, Mount Zion.....Brooklin	" 428, Fidelity.....Port Perry
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....Lindsay	" 440, Arcadia.....Minden
" 139, Lebanon.....Oshawa	" 451, Somerville.....Kinmount
" 268, Verulam.....Bobcaygeon	" 463, North Entrance.....Haliburton
" 270, Cedar.....Oshawa	" 464, King Edward.....Sunderland
" 398, Victoria.....Kirkfield	" 477, Harding.....Woodville
" 406, The Spry.....Fenelon Falls	

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO 13. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Sewton, Belleville.

No. 11, Moira.....Belleville	No. 125, Golden Rule.....Campbellford
" 17, St. John's.....Cobourg	" 127, Franck.....Frankford
" 18, Prince Edward.....Picton	" 161, Percy.....Warkworth
" 29, United.....Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....Wellington
" 38, Trent.....Trenton	" 215, Lake.....Ameliasburg
" 48, Madoc.....Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....Marmora
" 50, Consecon.....Consecon	" 239, Tweed.....Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....Stirling	" 263, Eureka.....Belleville
" 91, Colborne.....Colborne	" 401, Craig.....Deseronto
" 123, The Belleville.....Belleville	" 482, Bancroft.....Bancroft

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14. (16.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, Enterprise.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's.....Kingston	No. 212, Elysian.....Garden Island
" 9, Union.....Napawee	" 225, Prince Arthur.....Odessa
" 92, Catarqui.....Kingston	" 253, Minden.....Kingston
" 109, Albion.....Harrowsmith	" 299, Victoria.....Centreville
" 119, Maple Leaf.....Bath	" 404, Lorne.....Tamworth
" 146, Prince of Wales.....Newburgh	" 441, Westport.....Westport
" 157, Simpson.....Newboro'	" 460, Rideau.....Seeley's Bay
" 201, Leeds.....Gananoque	U.D. St. Andrew's.....Arden

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT. NO. 15. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. T. Hands, Richardson.

No. 5, Sussex.....Brockville	No. 242, Macoy.....Mallorytown
" 14, True Britons.....Perth	" 368, Salem.....Brockville
" 24, St. Francis.....Smith's Falls	" 370, Harmony.....Delta
" 28, Mount Zion.....Kemptonville	" 387, Lansdowne.....Lansdowne
" 55, Merrickville.....Merrickville	" 389, Crystal Fountain.....N. Augusta
" 74, St. James.....Bethel	" 416, Lyn.....Lyn
" 85, Rising Sun.....Athens	U.D. Osiris.....Smith's Falls
" 110, Central.....Prescott	

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 16. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. S. Davidson, Ottawa.	
No. 52, Dalhousie.....Ottawa	No. 209, Evergreen.....Lanark
" 53, Doric.....Ottawa	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa
" 63, St. John's...Carleton Place	" 264, Chaudiere.....Ottawa
" 122, Renfrew.....Renfrew	" 371, Prince of Wales.....Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....Pembroke	" 433, Bonnechere.....Eganville
" 147, Mississippi.....Almonte	" 459, Cobden.....Cobden
" 148, Civil Service.....Ottawa	" 465, Carleton.....Carp
" 159, Goodwood.....Richmond	" 476, Corinchian.....North Gower
" 177, The Builders'.....Ottawa	" 479, Russell.....Russell
" 196, Madawaska.....Arnprior	

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 17. (10.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Fred. Symes, Fort William.	
No. 287, Shuniah.....Port Arthur	No. 446, Granite.....Fort Frances
" 414, Pequonga.....Kenora	" 453, Royal.....Fort William
" 415, Fort William...Fort William	" 461, Ionic.....Rainy River
" 417, Keewatin.....Keewatin	" 484, Golden Star.....Dryden
" 445, Lake of the Woods...Kenora	U.D. Penewobikong...Blind River

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18. (12.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. C. Rorabeck, North Bay.	
No. 405, Mattawa.....Mattawa	No. 455, Doric.....Little Current
" 412, Keystone...Sault Ste. Marie	" 462, Temiscaming, New Liskeard
" 420, Nipissing.....North Bay	" 469, Algoma.....Sault Ste. Marie
" 427, Nickel.....Sudbury	" 472, Gore Bay.....Gore Bay
" 442, Dymont.....Thersalon	" 485, Haileybury.....Haileybury
" 447, Sturgeon F'lls, Sturgeon F'lls	" 486, Silver.....Cobalt

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, No. 19. (8.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. J. H. Metcalfe, Emsdale.	
No. 352, Granite.....Parry Sound	No. 423, Strong.....Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka.....Bracebridge	" 434, Algonquin.....Emsdale
" 376, Unity.....Huntsville	" 443, Powassan.....Powassan
" 409, Golden Rule.....Gravenhurst	" 454, Corona.....Burke's Falls

OTONABEE DISTRICT, No. 20. (13.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. A. H. C. Long, Port Hope.	
No. 26, Ontario.....Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood.....Norwood
" 31, Jerusalem.....Bowmanville	" 313, Clementi.....Lakefield
" 66, Durham.....Newcastle	" 325, Orono.....Orono
" 101, Corinthian.....Peterborough	" 374, Keene.....Keene
" 114, Hope.....Port Hope	" 375, Lorne.....Omameck
" 145, J. B. Hall.....Millbrook	" 435, Havelock.....Havelock
" 155, Peterborough...Peterborough	

EASTERN DISTRICT, No. 21. (15.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Rev. C. O. Carson, Wales.	
No. 21a, St. John's.....Vankleek Hill	No. 383, Henderson...West Winchester
" 125, Cornwall.....Cornwall	" 418, Maxville.....Maxville
" 142, Excelsior.....Morrisburg	" 439, Alexandria.....Alexandria
" 143, Friendly Brothers...Iroquois	" 450, Hawkesbury...Hawkesbury
" 186, Plantagenet.....Plantagenet	" 452, Avonmore.....Avonmore
" 207, Lancaster.....Lancaster	" 453, Wales.....Wales
" 256, Farran's Point.....Aultsville	" 480, Williamsburg...N.W'msburg
" 320, Chesterville.....Chesterville	

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No.	1.....	23 Lodges.
St. Clair	"	2.....	20 "
London	"	3.....	26 "
South Huron	"	4.....	18 "
North Huron	"	5.....	19 "
Wilson	"	6.....	22 "
Wellington	"	7.....	21 "
Hamilton	"	8.....	22 "
Georgian	"	9.....	24 "
Niagara	"	10.....	22 "
Toronto West	"	11.....	23 "
Toronto East	"	11a.....	21 "
Ontario	"	12.....	15 "
Prince Edward	"	13.....	20 "
Frontenac	"	14.....	16 "
St. Lawrence	"	15.....	15 "
Ottawa	"	16.....	19 "
Algoma	"	17.....	10 "
Nipissing	"	18.....	12 "
Muskoka	"	19.....	8 "
Otonabee	"	20.....	13 "
Eastern	"	21.....	15 "

SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D., 1907-1908

No. 2—Alex McNair, John J Ball, Henry Bell. 3—Fred A Folger. 11—Frank Farnham, Samuel E. Phippen. 15—Hy J Kennedy, J E Calvert, Robert N Campbell, William F Harvey. 16—Elliot S Rowe, D'Arcy E Hooker. 18—Walter S Cooper. 20—Richard A Bayley, R H Cunningham, J R Dwidle, J E Gilson, S M Gordsir, W A Tune, R Whitton. 23—Valentine Thomas. 31—R H Brunt, J A McTaggart, John F Thompson. 33—James Inkster, Peter Wylie, Alex Ferguson. 35—Robt H Wintermute, Wm L Sutherland, Howard A Leslie, Henry J Parker. 37—John H George. 40—A M Cuthbertson, C A Calkins, Geo Metherall, E McCoy, W J Pollard, A A Wighton, J P Clucas. 41—Albert E Shier, John A Maycock. 42—Jas Nicholson, Walter Logan, Thos Raycroft. 43—A E Longmore, A R Best, J M Powell, W M Baker, Ed Evans, G H Rapson. 44—Herbert Fluelling, F D Oatman, M J Williamson, A T Jones, W R Young. 45—R H Larmour, H D Curtis, J D Edgar, N B Cobbledick, F C Salter, C W Olmstead. 46—Hy C Philp, Lachlan Kennedy, Lewis Waggoner. 50—Jas Baird, Jas A Arthur, Jas E Glenn, David P Corry. 52—Geo M Dalglish, Robt J Johnson, Rockliff Ronan. 55—W G Gardiner, J R Tate, J C Carnwith, J H Todd, Wm H Burrett, H S Ferguson. 58—C M Farley, R C Henry, D A Hewitt, F J McCree, L H Thompson. 61—Arthur L Cherry, Geo Perry. 62—Robt Hostein, Harry P Coverdale. 64—D C C McDonald, C L Mackay, Thos W Armitage. 65—James Tilly, Chas Mitchell. 72—Thos Jaffray, A B Bragg, E J Scott, R Marshall, C T Johnston. 73—Alex Tracy, Wm Webster. 84—Percy Fair, Jos Wheatley. 86—John D Edwards, Wm H Riches. 90—Samuel Hewitt, Chas Gillespie, Wm Cole, Wm. Bain. 96—Ean Edward Williams, Andrew Urquhart. 100—Sol S Binkley, Wm Foot, Geo Milligan, Alex Ross, Hy Marshall. 106—Lewis Bond. 108—Wm O Taylor. 109—Wm Cannon, Alex McKenzie, Fred G Dennison, Ralph R Venus. 119—Geo Thos Howard. 120—Wm Angle. 122—Hamilton Douglas. 127—Jesse W Hearn, Wm A Johnston, C S Zwick, W C Chisholm, R Purdy, Wm Kerr, Orton Moran, C O Hess, Wm Terry, Samuel Jay. 128—Robt Russell, Corson L Russell. 136—Albert Barkley. 137—William J Lowe. 141—W P Kerr, T H Race. 149—John Alexander, James E Drew. 154—John E Middleton. 156—John Willis, John Hofland, Joseph Collett, James Dickenson, Charles J Forrest, John J Zimmermann. 180—Jas R Palmer, J Scrutton, D McHunter, Wm H Lillie, H C Speller. 181—Fred W Fay. 184—Hugh Morrison, Hugh A McKenzie, Wm T Anderson. 185—Stephen Knight. 190—Artur Christie, Daniel Spring. 192—Chas F Lewis. 194—John J Bell. 200—Wm Currie, Wm H Jones. 201—J B Haig, F H Lutz, Thos W Wilmott. 209a—W A M Cameron, Wm A Balkevell, John K Bell. 216—John S Yeomans, Thos McAdam, Robt J Kyles, W R Summerfeldt. 218—Jno W Brewer, Wm Douglas, Thos C McMullen, Jas F Smith, J R Townley, H T Whitter, Hy McBride, John Acheson, Hugh Cunningham, Geo K Richardson, Edward Thornton, Henry Whitcombe. 219—Wm Knight, H B Henderson, Lucas Auld, Thos A Porter. 224—Walter T Ferguson, Wm McCloy. 225—Neil E Mackinnon, Alex Hasard. 230—John Thompson, Edward A Wilson. 231—Thos C King, Wm Stewart. 235—Geo A Burrows. 242—Wm Cook. 245—J M How. 247—Fred J Newton, Ivan M Dales, Smith A Hart. 249—James Sage, Wm W Robertson. 253—M Oberndorffer, R Spence. 254—Wm Hoshal, Thos Melin, Peter McRobert. 255—Alex Cuthbert. 256—Samuel Henry. 257—E J Beaumont, John H Harris, Adam H Cranston, Alfred J Duke, W D Reid, Geo Mutch. 258—Alfred Mosley. 260—John Duggan. 261—Robert Walton, Francis Jordan. 263—John Callan, Geo E Munroe, W R Watt, Wallace Mellon. 264—J C Finley, M W Merrill, Phillip Service, J W McDonald. 267—Wm Bennett, Jas A Brodie, Jno Carpenter, Jas N Jenkins, F W Sharp. 271—Robt W Brock, Thos Birkhead, Joseph Jaggs. 274—Solomon Burk, Johnston Dunn, O Vansickle, George Tyrell. 283—John W Butterfield, W E Foster, John T Thompson, J J Harwood. 284—Geo E Hudson, E Caldbeck. 287—C J Carroll, R Newman, Alf Saunders, M J McLeod, Peter Crane. 290—Geo E Robinson, M W Hutchins, Geo McKay, W Archibald. 292—David Blough. 296—Jas R Seymour, Jas E Varley. 302—W M Angle, H H Tedford, Chas E Locke, A E Bunbe, J S Ferguson, W H Smythe, Daniel McIntyre. 303—James Barr, William Scott, Jno Wells. 304—Chas A Dixon. 305—Wm T Porter. 307—Reginald McIntosh, Jas E Brown, Geo Barnes. 316—Theo Milne, Wm McPherson, F C Ham, Chris Warren, W E Ward, W T Wilson, F W Martin, A R Still, J Allan, A Bates, Robt Doherty, W J Harris, F H Langmuir, Abraham Marks, Robt Mahood. 318—John McGillame, Christian F Witte, Colin Berdeaux, Geo T Devine. 320—John M Cameron, J Foster, A C Garrow, C P Gray, Chris Hetherington, A McMillan, Baur McMillan, M P Becker, Jas Antkell, Jno H Cameron, Jno W Cameron. 322—Duncan W Morrison, Jno E Laine, Wm J McCormack, Alex Robertson. 323—Geo Bell, Arch McTaggart, E Hodgins, C B Latta, Jas E McPhail. 324—P M Kenny, T A Carscallen, W J Jackson, Geo Rae, W A Tebb. 326—Rd E Crane, B Knauer, Wm S Milne, Geo J Newton. 327—Eslic Carter, W H Wilson, T

Wallermutte. 330—Isaac N Cassidy. 332—Geo Clark, Hy J Emm, Geo S Robertson, Jno A Pattillo, Jno M Bolton, T A Mansell. 337—W S Elliott, Geo Rogers, Geo H Neal, Augustus H Robertson, John McMillan. 345—Norman Grover. 347—E M Middleton, E C McMicking. 254—A M Gilpin, Frank W Bryant, Geo W Capling, H Brethour, A Taylor. 357—Frank Cameron. 361—Wm Copp, H A Croxall. 364—Samuel Bateman. 367—David Clark, R T Williams, D E King. 378—William A. Grant, B V Holt, J F Langley, Geo Taylor. 382—Wm J Cramer, W J Fitzsimons, Wm Hunter, Thos Hy Kane, Chas E Marshall. 383—Vanamber Wickware. 386—Jas A Baldwin. 392—Geo A Maloney, A H Patterson, R H Dier, L V Hillin. 394—Abram I Montague, Wm F Kennedy, Jno F Scott. 399—Sydney J Goodrich. 400—Stanley P Anderson, D Rayner, W J Sheridan. 403—Walter Bourg, C A Kent, W G Nutson, E Prouse, G W Smeelie, W D Williams, S S Watkinson. 404—Albert Hy Carl. 405—F A Massey. 408—Duncan McLeod. 410—Jas Spence, Wm Angus, Alex Ross, Chas W Boon, Wm T Lancaster, A D Matthew. 411—Jas B Scott. 412—J O Cameron, D J Elliott, R J Templeton, Jas Webb, J R McInnes, H N Phillips. 414—Gus Christinson, John Hedlund, Peter Johnson, David Bishop, A L Belfenil, A J Bruce, J O Cameron, T Davidson, S V Halsted, Emil Larson, J McKenzie, D G McCallum. 415—Robt Blackwood, Clarence D Cole, Wm D Muirhead, Alex Leslie, Robt A McManus. 417—Robt J Cole, D McLeod, Sr, Wm Steele, Jas Brown, Jno Gregg, Wm Hammond. 418—M Carter, H G Smith, R A Johnson, Samuel Henry, P F McGregor, L Y McIntosh, J A Campbell. 420—W A Cockburn, J McKenna, T Torrance, Hugh Craig, J Slatton, A Dunn, S H Huntington, J Melvenna, H D Gray, A H Beath, S Jardine. 421—Robt P Richardson, A O Smith. 429—F W Gorkey, Angus F George, A D George. 430—Wm Anderson, Wm Morely, C W Kittson, Jos Hay, Robt Mitchell. 446—Gordon G Clark. 451—Thos Hy Train, Wm H Robieson. 452—W J Kee. 453—Neil McNab. 455—Nicholas J Cole, Alex R Boyd, 456—Cyrus A Bean. 457—Arden Simpson. 473—Frederick Moran.

SUSPENSIONS, U M C, 1907—1908

No. 9—Clinton A Jenkins. 146—Fredk H O Stinson. 302—Wm Hy Beal. 375—Wm John Lamb.

DEATHS 1907—1908

No. 2—Ormsby A Hudson, 21st April '08. 3—George Lee, 2nd November '07; Jas Alexander, 6th May '08; Wm Lewis, 29th May '08. 5—John Menish, 12th August '07. 6—Hugh Murray, 28th November '07; Robt Griffith, 28th December '07; C W Meakins, 7th February '08; Frank B Vallance, 29th March '08. 7—W F Biggar, 20th August '07; Theron D Van Dyke, 20th July '07; Robt Thompson, 7th August '07; Chas H Pettit, 26th April '08. 9—Archibald C Clarke, 27th December '07; Wm Templeton, 3rd March '08. 10—Hiram Steinhoff, 11th October '07; H M Courtlant, 29th October '07; R Porteous, 22nd November '07; Jno W Tripp, 25th November '07. 11—Jas Mackie, 21st January '08. 14—Andrew Allan, 9th August, '07. 15—Jas G Harris, 26th January '07; Jno A Ross, 15th February, '07; Francis Connor, 25th March '07; Arch E Grass, 26th August, '07; Jno Sulter, 1st December '07; D W Bixley, 29th January '08; Jas C McGregor, 7th February '08. 16—Allan Sutherland, 3rd July '07; Frank B Polson, 28th October '07; Frank Watt, 9th December '07; Robt Robinson, 12th December '07; W F McMaster, 7th January '07; D. Milloy, 12th January '07; Jno M Dixon, 10th April '07. 17—Thos Gilband, 29th August '07. 18—John Waring, 20th September '07; Victory Sykes, 18th February '08; B A Hubbs, 3rd March '08; Jacob F. Breringer, 23rd May '08; Nostrand Sprague, 30th October '07. 20—Henry Griffin, 25th October '07; James C Ensign, 4th November '07. 21a—James Cross, 10th September '07. 22—William A Oronhyatekka '07; James H Powers, 10th November '07; Wm J Townley, 8th September '07; Jas N Middleton, 2nd August '07; Thos Hutchison, 20th February '08; Wm H Pomeroy, 2nd May '08. 23—Henry Skeele, 21st October '07. 24—Joseph Elward, 18th August '07; C J Humphrey, 23rd December '07; Wm Corbett, 16th May '08. 25—Fredk J Manley, 13th September '07. 26—Walter J Renwick, 17th March '08; Thos R Froom, 19th June '08. 27—Hugh Murray, 28th November '07; Wm Stewart, 15th December '07; E A Dalley, 12th January '08. J W Sinclair, 6th January '08. 28—Wilbur L Phelps, Anson J Cochrane, Thos Johnston, William L Maley. 29—Alfred Howard, 29th December '07. 31—Alex K McDougall, 12th February '08. 32—Jas A Babbitt, 4th January '07; Harold Eagle, 29th May '08. 33—Edward C Attrill, 18th July '07; Geo N Davis, 5th August '07; Jno R Craigie, 10th January '08. 34—Wm Borrowman, 5th December '07. Thos Hobby, 6th December '07. 35—Evan S Martin, 16th December '07. 37—Harry Rowland, 3rd November '07. Wm H Wills, 6th January '08; Edgar D Lewis, 16th May '08. 38—Frank J Golden, 17th March '08. Wm Duff, Jr, 27th May '08. 40.—John McKay, 23rd July '07; Hugh Murray, 28th November '07;

Matthew Howles, 13th December '07; T W Forwood, 14th August '07; Wm Halliday, 23rd February '08. 41—John F Sherwood, 14th November '07. 42—Samuel Keast, 20th December '07. 43—Geo H Cheyne, 6th July '07. 44—Jas. Fewings, 20th November '07; Hy Bradshaw, 17th July '07; Albert Couse, 27th February '08; Jesse Wallis, 14th March '08. 45—Wm Franck, 8th July '07; J H Cocker, 10th March '08; Stephen Tomlinson, 8th April '08. 46—Albert E White, 23rd September '07. 47—Chas McArthur, 24th August '07; Louis H Meisner, 14th October '07; Wm R Burnett, 10th April '08. 50—Samuel J Parke, 5th August '07; Daniel Howe, 10th October '07. 52—Geo Sylvester Blaisdell, 29th January '08; John Sweetman, 29th December '07. 54—John Latimer, 28th September '07. 55—John Muir, 8th October '07. 56—Wm Farr, 30th October '07. 57—George Mitchell, 2nd January '08; David Greenhill, 15th January '08. 61—Abraham Levy, 24th June '07; Robert Berryman, 31st May '07; Hugh Murray, 28th November '07; John Smith, 13th January '08; B. Edwards, 17th January '08; John Gompf, 22nd January '08; Samuel McGill, 23th February '08. 62—John Ryan, 13th January '08. 63—Walter McLequham, 8th July '07; William Hill, 11th October '07. 64—Wm Henry Hoskin, 28th March '08; Fred Spittal, 9th April '08; Geo R B Sippi, 25th August '08. 65—Silas Abbey, 23rd July '01; R Dennis, 2nd October '73; David Hoskins, 28th November '90; D Carnegy, 6th March '08; James Watt, 12th May '08; Nelson S Young, 4th June '08. 66—Richard Warren, 14th July '07. 69—Thos Sine, 4th August '07; John A French, 22nd August '07; J Earl Halliwell, 10th September '07. 72—J L Whiteford, 12th February '08. 73—Thos Bennett, 12th August '07; Teophilus T Garner, 16th April '07. 75—W R Hill, 7th October '07; Neil McEaehren, 4th May '08; J W Elliott, 23th June '08. 76—W T Wilkinson, 19th November '07; Alex H Fuller, 19th January '08; Wm Griffiths, 6th March '08. 77—Wm D Hamilton, July '07. 81—Peter Toles, 24th July '07. 82—George Bursnall, 9th February '08; Robt Lang, 9th May '08; F M Smith, 9th July '08. 83—Jas H English, 2nd July '07; Wm A Armstrong, 4th July '07. 86—George Moir, 19th February '08; Thos J Harris, 5th July '08. 88—Amos W Cunningham, 25th January '08. 90—Robt Henry. 91—Henry Smedley, 23rd Suly '07; Fred O McGlennon, 18th October '07. 92—T J Healey, 11th March '07; Edward Law, 27th June '07; Geo S Oldreive, 14th December '07. 93—Robert Baird, 15th August '07; Richard D Hall, 24th February '08. 96—Fredk N Warren, 9th April '08. 97—Adam Borgasser, 23rd March '08; Benjamin F Pearson, 17th May '08; Wm S Terry, 16th March '08. 99—James A Bastido, 23rd December, '07. 100—Henry M Howard, 4th December '07. 101—John Beatty '07; Wm Pringle, 4th January '08; Wm J McCallum, 22nd June '08. 103—E Goodman, 9th April '08; Wm McGlashan, 9th May '08. 104—Byron Addison, 10th April '08. 105—Vert Fralick, 16th January '08; John Law, 19th March '08; Wellington A Kennedy, 21st April '08. 106—Jas Stitt, 13th November '07; T J Muir, 18th December '08. 107—Allan Bogue, 24th March '08. 108—John Ramsey, 21st January '08. 110—Robt A Scott, 30th June '07; Thos Burton, 6th July '07; Daniel McMillin, 26th August '07. 113—Alonzo M Barber, 25th August '07; 115—Ernest H Robinson, 18th October '07. 116—John Clarke, 10th March '07; Geo W Holwell, 18th November '07. 119—Wm J Neilson, 12th December '07; Adam Johnston, 9th May '08. 121—Thos Hy Spence, 11th September '07; W H Alford, 15th January '08; Gilbert P Taylor, 26th May '08. 122—Nelson W. Cleary, 10th November '07; Rev Robt Campbell, December 25th '07; Thos B Muir, 9th February '08. 123—Richard Waters, 10th October '07; Wm A Morton, 21st October '07; Jas S McCurdy, 28th October '07; A Wensley, 11th December '07. 126—Wm Cleugh, 1st December '07. 127—Chester W Clark, 24th February '07; Orville Sills, 13th March '07; C E Knight, 8th June '08. 128—John Cockburn, 2nd January '08. 131—Josiah Parkhouse, 3rd March '08; Hy L Pratt, 10th March '08. 133—Joseph Snell, 9th May '08. 135—D Wheelihan, 26th June '07. 137—Jas Clelland, 11th March '08; Geo Hair, 14th February '08; S Carson, 14th September '07; Jos Bell, 28th May '08; G A Brown, 29th January '07. 139—Thos Morrison, 11th January '07. 140—Wm White, 20th February '07; J B Ogilvie, 6th July '07; R C Wright, 29th January '08; Wm Tilley, 15th March '08; Stephen Pound, 8th Eay '08. 144—Alfred H Burgoyne, 5th February '08. 145—Wm T Grundy, 29th April '08. 146—John Jackson. 147—Walter Black, 15th January '08; Chas A Forsythe, 27th April '08. 148—Wm F Boardman, 5th January '07; Jno Sweetman, 28th December '07. 149—Arthur C Barrett, 12th October '07. 151—Jno S Hoffman, 29th August '07; Geo W Wight, 25th April '08. 153—John E Clouse, 3rd July '07; Wm L Lambert, 9th February '08. 154—Isaac McLean, 22nd October '07. 156—Wm Brown, 4th October '07; Fred C Miller, 24th February '08; John Burke, 20th March '08. 157—Geo S Johnston, 29th May '08. 158—John H Chapman, 26th August '07. 161—Robert Walker. 164—Henry Dunning, 13th December '07. 165—James W Upper, 6th December '07. 166—Conby A Clark, 5th November '07; F M Carpenter, 25th September '07; Hugh Murray, 28th November '07; John Culp, 4th March '07. 168—Wm H Crow, 24th October '07; Chas S Seiger. 172—Joseph Gillespie, 28th February '08. 177—Jas D Smith, 13th June '08. 180—James Cornack, 28th September '07. Willard

Marshall, 4th December '06; Robt McPhail, 15th May '08; Alex Robertson, 23rd February '08. 185—Wm Young, 23rd November '07. 195—John McBeth, August '07; John Higginbottom, January '08. 196—Geo. Fearmouth, 16th October '07. 200—Wm Coleleugh, 10th February '08. 201—J J Moore, 23rd January '07; J E Booth, 12th February '07; W G Matthews, 14th May '07; W E McBean, 9th June '07; Henry Parker, 27th November '07. 203—Edward Burns, 17th December '07; Jas Clarke, 1st May '08; J McDonald, 1st May '08. 209a—B W Greer, 19th September '07; Cyrus F Allison, 9th January '08. 215—John A Sprague, 1st September '07. 217—George Burns, 12th December '07; Thos Wright, 12th December '07. 218—James Constable, 8th January '08; W H Hutchbury. 220—John Lethbridge, 15th January '08. 221—Peter S Middaugh, 25th July '07. 224—John Thomson, 22nd September '07. 230—Hy Dollery, 21st September '07; J F W Reed, 7th November '07; Wm Turner, 1st January '08; Wm Bain, 15th May '08. 231—Wm Thackeray, 20th December '07; Hugh A Hayes, 29th September '07; John D Sanderson, 21st March '08. 234—Jos Rorke, 11th April '07. 237—Chas Throwthwaite, 28th December '07. 242—Francis Thomson, 22nd October '07. 245—Benjamin Boothroyd, 26th June '07; Ezra S Hubbell, 3rd November '07. 247—Wesley R Clark, 22nd July '07; Geo M Ryerson, 12th September '07; George Vair, 12th December '07; George F Davey, 9th May '08; Joshua T Johnston. 249—Francis J McCallum, 13th October '02. 250—Joseph Smith, 10th February '08. 254—Thos Murray, 3rd March '08. 255—Harry Weston, 4th March '08. 256—Thos Brown, 27th February '08. 261—Wm Park, 4th April '08. 262—F A Whitmore, 1st March '07. 263—Thos R K Scott, 1st March '08; Richard A Robson, 27th March '08. 264—Neil McIntosh, 14th June '07; S Davis Holofener, 8th May '08. 267—Rev N H Martin, 24th April '07; Robert Park, 4th August '07; Newton Luck, 12th Nov '07; Geo K Atkinson, 14th November '07. 268—Wm J Oliver, 2nd March '08. 271—Peter Thom, 27th September '07. 274—Abraham Armstrong, 8th November '07; T R Montgomery, 26th November '07. 276—Chas Armstrong, 12th March '08. 282—Geo A Dewar, 10th July '07. 283—Chas W Brewer, 8th October '07; Robert Arnott, 30th October '07; Wm Kemp, 13th November '07; D C Holme, 29th January '08. 287—Philip P McAllan, 17th December '07; J Erikkala, 3rd December '07; A Shanks, 9th June '08; C Countts, 23rd March '08; Chas Unwin, 16th August '07; James E Walker, 14th July '07; Wm R Puigle, 19th February '08. 289—Luther Stitson, 13th May '08. 296—John G Cummings, 13th January '08; Wm H Rees, 29th March '08. 297—Christopher Kress, 7th April '08. 300—Isaac Saul, 26th August '07; Wm H McMurray, 4th January '08. 302—George Armstrong, 18th May '08. 303—William Drummond, 25th July '07. 304—Robt G McCraw, 24th April '08. 306—Norman Kelsey, 26th October '07. 309—Andrew Bogie, 25th December '07; Duncan E Munroe, 1st January '08. 312—Hamilton Cranston, 27th January '08. 316—Edward N Medway, 20th March '07; Julius Davis, 29th December '07; C Warner, 31st December '07. 319—George Howard, Sr, 4th August '07. 321—Robt Agnew, 9th May '08. 323—Colin Kerr, 14th March '08. 324—Hugh Murray, 28th November '07; F E Walker, 27th September '07; Roland Hills, 1st February '08; E O Shaver, 26th May '08; John Cape, 7th June '08. 326—Graham B Kelsey, 2nd November '07; James Cooper, 24th September '07; D F Boyd, 3rd January '08; Hy Lowndes, 27th January '08; J W Peaker, 5th April '08; Wm A Sutherland, 12th March '08; Cubitt Sparkhall, 19th April '08. 329—Duncan Johnson. 331—Fred Smith, 8th November '07. 332—John C Bain, 5th December '07; Geo Simpson, 4th February '08. 333—Wm K Flesher, 1st December '07; A S Vandusen, 12th November, '07. 334—Frank B Mitchell, 5th July '07. 339—Chas Greenwood, 31st December '07; Stephen J Langhani, 27th January '08; James Bedley, 16th May '08. 343—Clarence A Bernard, 20th May, '08; Fred G Brown, 26th May, '08; H A Collins, 20th June, '08. 345—Geo A Graham, 22nd July, '07. 347—John McDonald, 1st May, '08. 352—C L White, 1st Dec., '07; Fredk Lindsay, 23rd March, '08. 358—William T Essay, 14th Jan'y, '08. 360—John R Higgins, 20th Feb'y, '08; Wm Sword, 6th May, '08. 367—H S McGuffie, 2nd Nov., '07; John Hetherington, 21st Nov., '07; W Geo Parsons, 13th Feb'y, '08; Hy Winsor, 28th April, '08. 368—Geo Gale, 1st Oct. '07. 369—Thos J Hunter, 20th Oct., '07. 370—W H Godkin, 12th June, '07; G S McGhee, July, '07. 380—B W Greer, 19th Sept., '07. 382—F E Walker, 29th Sept., '07; Alphonso Haynes, 16th Nov., '07; Hugh Murray, 28th Nov., '07; S H Graham, 30th March, '08. 383—J H Gould, 6th Dec., '07; Chesley Suffel, 19th Jan., '08. 384—Jas R Hunter, 29th June, '07; Wm P Atkinson, 17th June, '08. 386—Ebeneza C Handy, 10th Sept., '07. 389—Thomas McKee. 400—Elgin Belyea, 12th Aug., '07. 402—Albert H Wegle, 19th Jan., '08; Geo J Thomas, 22nd Jan., '08; C M Caughill, 9th March, '08. 403—Donald S Frazer, 27th July, '07; Thos E Crocker, 14th March, '08; A W Davidson, 16th March, '08. 404—Geo R Monds, 7th June, '08. 410—John D Cholwill, 25th Oct., '07; Fredk J Boswell, 14th Jan., '08; Wm C Adams, 31st May, '08. 411—Thos W Kirkpatrick, 17th Sept., '05; Chas A Brown, 23rd May, '05. 412—Joseph F Bartlett, 1st July, '07; Dundan Bole,

31st August, '07; Wm Turner, 9th March, '08; Chas Anderson, 6th March, '08. 414—Joseph Dargue, 29th Nov., '07. 415—Robt L Pinkerton, 19th July, '07. 419—Chas T Giles, 3rd Sept., '07; P Wellington, 3rd Jan., '08. 420—Thos Gold, 8th July, '07; Jas E Young, 15th Nov., '07. 422—Stephen Mallory, '08. 423—A E French, 16th March, '08. 424—Geo Kerr, 12th April, '08. 425—Henry Roebuck, 25th August, '07; Alex Meyers, 19th Nov., '07; John B Gibson, 13th Jan., '08. 426—Clark Henderson, 20th Sept., '07; F C Miller, 23rd May, '08. 427—Virgil McNairney, 1st March, '08. 435—Wm J Stewart, 19th Oct. '07. 437—Charles Nelson, 30th Sept., '07; Dufferin F Hannah, 21st Jan., '08. 440—Simeon E Lott, 1st Jan., '08. 442—Thomas Fleisher, 25th August, '07. 444—John D Shipley, Tilden Bouner. 445—Jacob Hose, 11th July, '07. 447—Thos G S McAmmond, 27th Jan., '08; Alex Hamilton, 9th May, '08; 452—Nelson Bride, 17th Sept., '07. 456—Thos Fullerton, 3rd June, '08. 460—John Hudson, 9th April, '08. 466—Thos Mathewson, 2nd Sept., '07. 469—Wm S Craig, 10th April, '08. 474—Samuel Jewett, 10th March, '08. 475—Hugh Murray, 28th Nov., '07. 481—Wilbur G Jones, 19th Nov., '07. 482—Stephen L Golding, 1st Feb., '08. 483—James Wallis, 10th Aug., '07. King Ed, U D—Sylvester C Zimmerman, 2nd April, '08.

RESTORATIONS, 1907-1908,

No. 2—James Sheppard. 3—James D. Thompson. 5—Thos W Miller, John John A Cook, Jas A Urquhart. 7—Wm Francis Beggar. 10—Jas A Hook, Wm R Dawson. 11—Jas H. Hill, Chas Harrison. 15—Wm R Rawlings. 17—Thos A Pratt. 20—Jos H Marshall, Arnold Swazie, John Jennings, F G Rumball. 24—Esley H Tallman, Darius Alport. 26—Walter J Waller. 28—Tertius Woolcott Barnes. 31—Rd H Bunt, Levi A W Tole, John Hy Pierce. 33—Allan McDonald. 34—John H C Atkinson, Judson H Patton. 37—John McDonald, Alex Carter, Gus E Harris. 38—Lewis Abbott Jr, Charles Foster. 40—Daniel Carr, Wm H Childs, G W Plastow, A M Cuthbertson, J D Evans. 41—Daniel Ryall, Alex Bonssey, M J Patton, E A McLeod. 44—Albert Gibson. 45—C P Coles, A E Mann. 46—W E C Workman. 47—W A Shuell, A J Shuell, Chas McConnell, J B Clark, M J Clancy. 52—Robert John Johnston. 57—Henry Rolston, David Greenhill. 58—Jacob Errut. 61—George G Anderson, Samuel Minnes, Frank Rowlin. 64—Campbell L Mackay. 68—John H Heyler. 73—Rowland Johnston. 75—Joseph Lugsden. 76—J P McBeth, J C S Gordon. 78—Robt B Jacks, Samuel H Rogers. 84—Jos Wheatley. 86—Arthur Callow, Alex Blythe, Alex L Young, Adam Doekray. 91—Henry Smedley, C S Lord. 92—Richard Newlands. 99—Robt J Widdifield. 103—Peter Secord. 104—Wm H Miller, Samuel B McCay. 105—Frank J Welsh. 106—Alex E Kennedy. 108—Levi S Kennedy. 113—Alonzo M Barber. 114—Edward Bowen. 115—H F Konkle. 119—Jas J Johnson. 121—Ralph B Gilmour, T C Boulee, John L Richmond. 125—Robt J Craig. 126—Alfred H Rudle. 127—Wm C W Burns. 135—Peter S Morse. 142—Thos J Gillespie. 145—Alex T Armstrong. 147—Wesley Groves. 149—Ward L Sovereign. 154—Wm McLeod. 156—Fred E Mulholland, John Cudnor, James Dickenson, James Ramsay. 158—Chas McNickle, John T Morley. 159—Wm Rea. 162—William B Elliott. 172—John Geo Ranks. 177—Hy B Spencer. 185—Philip Senn, Edwin T Martindale. 193—John R McFarlane. 196—Peter Walker. 209a—Samuel A Roberts, W H Greenwood. 218—Jas Kerrigan, Arthur L Ford. 221—Peter S Middaugh. 225—John L Mader. 229—John W Cudlip. 232—Geo B McGill. 233—Anson B Nichols. 238—John Mavithy. 253—John L M Thorne. 254—Geo E Foster, Robt Holiday, Wm L Wilkenon, Frank Menzie, Geo R Brown. 257—John E Keys. 258—Thos D Orton. 259—W S Clayton. 263—Geo R Taylor. 270—Eli S Edmondson. 276—Chas Armstrong. 283—William Haight, Eugene Richardson. 284—Geo Colvar. 285—Wm R Booth, James Wilkenon. 302—Jesse P Freek, Robt N Price. 305—Robt S Milne. 312—D A McDonald, S Somers. 320—A D McIntyre. 322—James Oatt, Wm J McCormack. 323—Herry Liddon. 324—Rev E M Bland, R T Lancefield. 326—W A Bervick, Hugh W Graham. 329—Wm E Armstrong. 336—Thos H Ridley, Daniel Buchanan. 339—Robt G Green, Percy Hill. 343—Wm H Smith. 352—Chas L White. 369—Isaac Clark, F W Musson, Wm Speers, F Daniels. 371—Wm G Gray. 372—John L Ghirton. 379—Geo Cheney. 380—Moses Dimmick, Ed Gardiner. 382—Alfred V Williams, Walter C Bruce. 383—E S Logie. 384—Alfred H Hardman. 392—John Schram, John Ferguson, John A Cairns. 405—Peter S Ferguson. 409—Jas Anderson, John C Rooney. 414—Alex McQuarrie, Malcolm McQuarrie. 415 C H McLennan. 420—Wm Hedlandale, A Dunn, Jas McKenna. 423—Findlay Sinclair. 427—Arthur Ferris, Clement I Amey. 442—Neil Currie, Wm S L Wright, Jas H Cummings. 451—Wm H Robinson.

In Memoriam

Most Worshipful Brother

HUGH MURRAY

Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand
Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

Died 28th November, 1907.

In Memoriam



Most Worshipful Brother

WM. A. SUTHERLAND

Honorary Past Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario.

Died 11th March, 1908.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

ALLEN McLEAN

Past Grand Senior Warden and a member of Minden Lodge
No. 253, Kingston.

Died 13th May, 1908.

Right Worshipful Brother

JAMES BAIN

Past Grand Senior Warden and a member of St. Andrew's
Lodge No. 16, Toronto.

Died 18th May, 1908.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN MENISH

Past District Deputy Grand Master of St. Lawrence Dis-
trict No. 15 and a member of Sussex Lodge
No. 5, Brockville.

Died 12th August, 1907.

Right Worshipful Brother

RICHARD DINNIS

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto West Dis-
trict No. 11 and a member of Rehoboam Lodge
No. 65, Toronto.

Died 14th October, 1907.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

J. E. HALLIWELL

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Prince Edward District No. 13 and a member of Stirling Lodge No. 69, Stirling.

Died 10th September, 1907.

Right Worshipful Brother

GEORGE W. HOLWELL

Past District Deputy Grand Master of St. Clair District No. 2 and a member of Cassia Lodge No. 116, Thedford.

Died 18th November, 1907.

• Right Worshipful Brother

N. W. CLEARY

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Ottawa District No. 16 and a member of Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew.

Died 10th November, 1907.

Right Worshipful Brother

REV. ROBT. CAMPBELL

Past Grand Chaplain and a member of Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew.

Died 25th December, 1907.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

WILLIAM WHITE

Past District Deputy Grand Master of South Huron District No. 4 and a member of Tudor Lodge No. 141, Mitchell.

Died 20th February, 1907.

Right Worshipful Brother

EDWARD BURNS

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington District No. 7 and a member of Irvine Lodge No. 203, Elora.

Died 17th December, 1907.

Right Worshipful Brother

D. E. MUNROE

Past District Deputy Grand Master of South Huron District No. 4 and a member of Morning Star Lodge No. 309, Carlow.

Died 1st January, 1908.

Right Worshipful Brother

GEORGE GALE

Past District Deputy Grand Master of St. Lawrence District No. 15 and a member of Salem Lodge No. 368, Brockville.

Died 18th October, 1907.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

F. F. MANLEY

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto East District No. 11a and a member of Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto.

Died 13th September, 1907.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN McDONALD

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington District No. 7 and a member of Mercer Lodge No. 347, Fergus.

Died 1st May, 1907.

Right Worshipful Brother

GEORGE S. JOHNSON

District Deputy Grand Master of Frontenac District No. 14 and a member of Simpson Lodge No. 157, Newboro.

Died 29th May, 1908.

Right Worshipful Brother

HENRY A. COLLINS

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto East District No. 11a and a member of Doric Lodge No. 316 and Georgina Lodge No. 343, Toronto.

Died 21st June, 1908.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1908-1909.

THE GRAND MASTER.

M. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed..... Hamilton

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. Daniel F. Macwatt Sarnia

THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. George W. Moody	Highgate	Erie	District No. 1
" J. B. Livingston	Point Edward	St. Clair	" 2
" J. W. Metherall	London	London	" 3
" R. E. Cooper	Seaforth	South Huron	" 4
" J. J. Foster	Listowel	North Huron	" 5
" Robert Gant	Paris	Wilson	" 6
" F. W. Randall	Guelph	Wellington	" 7
" E. Finlay	Georgetown	Hamilton	" 8
" E. C. Campbell	Shelburne	Georgian	" 9
" J. DeW Randall	Niag.-on Lake	Niagara	" 10
" James Haywood	Toronto	Toronto West	" 11
" J. S. Lovell	Toronto	Toronto East	" 11A
" Joseph White	Whitby	Ontario	" 12
" John Newton	Belleville	Prince Edward	" 13
" A. B. Carscallen	Enterprise	Frontenac	" 14
" W. T. Hands	Richardson	St. Lawrence	" 15
" S. S. Davidson	Ottawa	Ottawa	" 16
" Frederick Symes	Fort William	Algoma	" 17
" A. C. Rorabeck	North Bay	Nipissing	" 18
" J. H. Metcalfe	Emsdale	Muskoka	" 19
" A. H. C. Long	Port Hope	Otonabee	" 20
" Rev. C. O. Carson	Wales	Eastern	" 21

THE GRAND WARDENS.

R. W. Bro. E. E. Fraser, Grand Senior Warden Niagara Falls

" J. C. Bartram, Grand Junior Warden Ottawa

THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Frank C. Harper Niagara Falls South

THE GRAND TREASURER.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C. Toronto

THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn Hamilton

THE GRAND REGISTRAR.

R. W. Bro. D. Rutherford Owen Sound

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The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments to office for the ensuing year:—

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Appendix to Proceedings of 1908.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HENRY ROBERTSON, Chairman.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada:

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present the following review of the various Grand Lodge Proceedings which have been received. We have endeavored to lay before the brethren a concise account of the most notable events of other jurisdictions, with numerous extracts from the best addresses of Grand Masters and reports of committees.

In our review of 1907 we gave a short account of the Order of the Illuminati, founded by Dr. Adam Weishaupt, in Bavaria, about the year 1776. To all those who were interested in this account a short description of its successor, the Order of the Carbonari, will no doubt commend itself.

While there is no doubt that societies of the same name existed in Europe in the eighteenth century, the Carbonari proper first came into prominence about the year 1908.

The Carbonari (Italian, *Carbonaro*, Charcoal maker) had no direct connection with Masonry, but a large number of its forms were borrowed from that source. It was in Italy, towards the close of the Napoleonic wars, that this society first began to assume importance. In 1808 the Republicans, disgusted alike with the Bourbons and Napoleonists, retired to the mountain resorts of the Abruzzi and Calabria. In this latter region charcoal burning was the chief industry of the poorer classes, and these Republicans, forming themselves into a secret society, borrowed their phraseology in numerous instances. Thus a lodge was called a baracca (or hut), an

ordinary meeting a vendita (or sale), while an important meeting was alta vendita, all well known terms in the charcoal burning industry. The Carbonari were Christian, but anti-Papal, and borrowed their rites from that religion; thus Christ the Lamb, as the victim of tyranny, put to death by the wolf, gave them their watchword. There were four grades of the Carbonari, with Alta Vendita at Naples and Salerno. These two latter lodges tried to exercise authority over the rest, but failed in their efforts.

Coaxed to join the Bourbons, the Carbonari were driven back to their mountain fastnesses by King Murat, and their leader, Capobianco, was treacherously betrayed and put to death. A few years later they helped to overthrow the French power in Naples, but Ferdinand, when once in power, proved false to them and refused them permission to establish their lodges in Naples, as they had previously done in Sicily under English supremacy. Enraged at this treachery, they conspired against the Bourbon Government, and rapidly formed lodges all over Italy. They were the prime movers in several rebellions that took place about this time. The Neapolitan revolution of 1820, the disturbances in the Papal States the same year, and the Piedmontese revolution in 1821 can all be traced to them. Originally composed of members of the lower classes, about this time they obtained thousands of recruits from all classes of society. Army officers, students, artists, and even priests flocked to their standard, and their numbers are said to have reached 700,000. So strong did they become that at last Austria became alarmed and the military power of this nation was called in to crush them. Though still remaining active until 1821, they never fully recovered from this set-back, and most of their numbers were swallowed up by the society of "Young Italy," founded by Mazzini.

In 1820 the Carbonari took root in France, where their organization was much more perfect. A Supreme Council, presided over by the great Lafayette, and a complete hierarchy of societies, by which the will of the Chief was handed on from the highest to the most remote lodge. Attempting to raise an insurrection in 1821 at Belfort, LaRochele, and other places, they were promptly suppressed and suffered terribly, but owing to the wonderful fidelity of the members only those immediately connected

with the revolution could be punished. The Carbonari still continued to take an active part in all revolutionary matters till 1831, when, after helping in the July revolution of that year, the majority of its members associated themselves with the government of Louis Philippe. Dating from this time the society became practically extinct.

ALABAMA.

87th Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 3. 1907.

Benjamin M. Jacobs, G. M.

Progress marks the history of the Craft in Alabama; eighteen new lodges were opened.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The request for recognition of the Grand Orient of Greece was respectfully declined.

An extra assessment of \$1.00 per member was authorized in aid of the proposed Masonic Home Fund.

The following report was adopted:

Be is resolved by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama, that the following questions be propounded to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, for a ruling upon each of the following questions:

First: What relation does a subordinate lodge hold with one of its members, who has been expelled as a sojourner by another lodge; in other words, does a member stand as expelled in his own lodge without any action on his part? If action is required, what?

Second: Has a Master Mason the right, and is it his province to try or examine another and vouch for him on his own responsibility and discretion?

Third: What is strict trial? What is due examination? If there is a distinction, define it.

Beg leave to answer as follows:

(1) The lodge which has jurisdiction tries sojourner, and if expelled notifies lodge of his membership.

(2) If the avouchment is for admission to lodge, no; if for any other purpose, yes. We don't know which he means.

(3) Attend all Masonic conferences, and he will learn of some of the differences.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Wm. Y. Titcomb.

Our Proceedings of 1906 receive due attention, extracts are given from the address of G. M. Burritt, and the remark is made that "his exalted position was certainly no sinecure."

In explanation we have to say that our law as to

honorary membership was altered after Bro. Sutherland received that distinction.

We have also to acknowledge the receipt of a reprint of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama from its organization in 1821 to 1839 inclusive. These early proceedings are very interesting.

Hugh S. D. Malloy (Selma), G. M.

Geo. A. Beauchamp (Montgomery), G. S.

ALBERTA.

2nd Communication, Macleod, February 20, 1907.

O. W. Kealy, G. M.

We find that the increase in membership and in the new lodges now working under dispensation justified their existence as a Grand Lodge, and that Masonry is keeping pace with the marvellous growth of the Province.

The death of M. W. Bro. Thomas Tweed, P. G. M. of Manitoba, is mentioned with deep regret.

On the subject of church parades the G. M. is in accord with views that we have previously expressed on numerous occasions.

I signed ten dispensations to lodges permitting them to attend divine services Masonically clothed, in compliance with the usual custom in such cases. It puzzles me to understand what the object is for these parades. As Masons we acknowledge the existence of God, but the attendance at a place of worship implies that Masons go further. I very much fear that these "attendances at divine worship" would amount to very little if the parade was not made a part of it, and each went to his own place of worship (should he have one). We have amongst our members Jews and Unitarians, possibly those who believe in but one person of the Holy Trinity, and why ask them to go through what to them is a farce? Why compel a Catholic to go to a place of public worship in which he has nothing in common, and so with a Methodist, or any other of the many divisions of religion? If there was one place of public worship where Masons could honestly go and as honestly say they were united in a common worship, well and good; but so long as our lodges are the only places in which we can unitedly say that there is a God "before whom we should all with reverence most humbly bow," and in which we are actually united in the bonds of fellowship and love, so long should we keep from these parades, in which we pretend a unity which does not actually exist. If we must parade to a church, do not let us cut out any one; let us take the synagogue, Roman church, or any other place of worship (not forgetting the Unitarians), each in its turn, and show the universality of Masonry.

The G. M. made numerous visits and finds the Craft in good condition.

He favors the incorporation of lodges, with which we do not agree.

Five new lodges received dispensation.

The Grand Secretary reports that recognition has been accorded by twenty Grand Lodges.

A resolution in favor of dual membership was voted down, also that the ordinary business of the lodge should be conducted in the First Degree. This latter action was evidently in favor of the lodges using the American work, and it seems to us that the existence of two different systems of work in the same jurisdiction will likely cause trouble in the future.

The following resolution was adopted:

It was resolved, on motion of W. Bro. W. F. Lent (1), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9): That a Special Committee be appointed to further the scheme of the Masonic Home and School by systematically bringing the matter before each lodge in the district.

Lodges, 19; members, 1,496; increase, 272.

Hedley C. Taylor (Edmonton), G. M.

Dr. G. Macdonald (Calgary), G. S.

ARIZONA.

26th Communication, Morenci, November 19, 1907.

Herbert Brown, G. M.

The Grand Master, in his address, has this to say on the condition of the Craft:

I am, brethren, pleased to report favorably on the lodges within this jurisdiction. They are, as far as my information goes, in a thrifty and prosperous condition. Notwithstanding that the hand of death has borne heavily upon us, the gain in numbers far more than balances the losses. At the close of our last Masonic year, 1906, we had on the roll 1,394. This year we have on the rolls 1,535, showing a net gain of 141. The losses and gains were made up as here given. Initiated 169, passed 150, raised 150, affiliated 44, restored 5. From these must be deducted the following losses: DIMITTED 28, deaths 25, rejected 29, expelled 1, leaving the total net gain of 141 as above given.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Orient of Greece were recognized.

Our ancient brethren used to meet in the highest hills or lowest vales. Arizona has gone deeper still into the mysteries and this communication was held in the bowels

of the earth, in the stope of a mine generously provided and arranged at considerable expense by the Detroit Copper Mining Company, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was extended. It does not appear from the records that any serious consequences ensued.

We earnestly hope that their travels in a future state may be in an entirely opposite direction.

No report on Correspondence.

Cyrus Grant Jones, G. M.

George J. Roskrige (Tucson), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

65th Communication, Little Rock, Nov. 19, 1907.

Jacob Trieber, G. M.

In the opening of his address the Grand Master has the following to say on the condition of the Craft:

The growth of our membership, as will be shown from the report of the Grand Secretary, while not exceedingly great, has been healthy. It is a pleasure to be able to report to you that our lodges are careful in the selection of new material, and that they realize that Masonry is more interested in quality than quantity. With hardly an exception peace and prosperity reign everywhere.

Five new lodges were opened.

The fund for their Orphans' Home is rapidly increasing, and they hope to let the contract for the erection of the building in the near future.

The surplus received back from the California Relief Fund was devoted to the Orphans' Home Fund.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The Orphans' Home at Batesville is to cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

There is no report on correspondence, but a committee has been appointed and a report is promised for next year.

From the eloquent address of the Grand Orator we quote part of the conclusion:

I have said that this grand institution is not a church and can not take its place, but it is founded upon that principle of Divine love that gives us the church and causes mankind to love his neighbor as himself. This does not mean that emotional love that emanates from the hearts of mankind for such love is not constant. It is unselfish for a few brief spans, that it varies like the changes of the inconstant moon, dies and falls like the petals of the withering rose. "Love thy neighbor as thyself" has made the welkin ring with its constant chime throughout all ages. It means nothing more than that we are to treat our fellow-being with that steadfast

kindness due from one creature to another. It means that we are to show mercy and do alms deed in our everyday life. It is this love of mankind that caused Him to give His only begotten son. It is this love that caused the good Samaritan to show mercy to him who on his way to Jericho fell among a den of thieves. It is this love that follows the trials of poor depraved man onward and downward to the vortex of sin and brings him back to the zenith of glory. It is this love that overshadowed the myth of the "Sacred Bulls" and dispelled the worship of Osiris and Ra. of Mentu and Altu. It is this love that will bring all nations together and cause them to speak in one tongue. It is this love that is melting religious differences and all the world shall worship the God of Love whose realm means perfection.

M. W. Geeson (Prescott), G. M.

Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

36th Communication, Vancouver, June 20, 1907.

James H. Schofield, G. M.

Prosperity is general throughout the length and breadth of the Province, and this has been a year of progress in Freemasonry.

A new lodge was opened at Arrowhead.

On one of his official visits the Grand Master says :

On this occasion it was my very pleasant duty to present to Bro. Govett, of Kootenay Lodge, a locket which had been subscribed for by the passengers of a train on which he was the engineer, when he, by the strict performance of duty, in the presence of imminent danger, doubtless saved the lives of a great number.

It was decided that Grand Lodge had power to establish a lodge in the Yukon Territory, that territory being unoccupied by any exclusive Grand Lodge.

The report on Correspondence is again by our old friend, Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, and is compiled with his usual acumen and painstaking accuracy. His exclusive knowledge of matters Masonic enables him to present an excellent and very readable report.

Our Proceedings of 1906 receive a very favorable notice. We quote one paragraph, as follows :

As is always the case in the Grand Lodge of Canada, the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are most thorough, and evidence a most careful supervision of the Craft by these officers. With scarcely an exception they found the lodges flourishing and doing good work.

F. Bowser (Vancouver), G. M.

R. E. Brett (Victoria), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

58th Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 8, 1907.

Edward H. Hart, C. M.

From the very eloquent address of the Grand Master we make the following extract:

The best things of this world, it has been said, are the things that lie nearest—light in our eyes, breath in our nostrils, violets at our feet—Masonry is proud of its past, of its deeds, its devotion to humanity, to liberty and to truth; but Masonry does not exist upon the past, it lives to-day, it exalts the present, it means development. it builds up, it does not tear down; it conserves, it does not destroy; it raises and supports, it does not condemn or consign; it brings its candidate from darkness to light, it says to him: "let not him that seeketh cease from his search until he find." Masonry is as a seed which grows not as a diamond cut and fixed, it does not profess infallibility, nor even to be a system of perfected truth, it is a search for truth; it is tolerant, it sees a soul of goodness in things evil, a soul of truth in things erroneous, it holds that if perfected truth were offered in one hand and the search for truth in the other, it would be the higher course to choose the truth; it holds of itself, as of nature, that there is no life without growth, and that as the plant must either grow or die, so must Masonry, in its principles and teachings and purposes, either broaden and deepen, or perish. The to day of Masonry is the greatest of all the days which have gone before, the greatest in the scope of its beneficences, richest in the quality of its brotherhood, broadest in its ever widening circle of human consideration and kindness, and more vital in its potentiality and growth.

After reciting the closing up steps of the Earthquake Relief Fund the Grand Master proceeds as follows:

Thus is closed in Masonic history the greatest episode of its kind that has occurred in the centuries of the existence of Freemasonry; it has reflected honor, and only honor upon the Craft, and has placed a living crown of light upon the teachings and professions of our Fraternity. Man's hand is powerless against nature's resistless sway, and it was in consequence thereof, our unhappy fate to raise perforce the signal of distress, to cry help for the Widow's Son; the cry was heard, and Masonic precepts burst with splendor into life; overflowing bounty poured forth upon us, and while the offerings of love from the entire world were spontaneous and free, uninfluenced by any consideration as to how our Masonic duties might in times past have been discharged, yet there is to us a measure of compensation in the records made by our Boards of Relief since the system was established by the Grand Lodge some fifty years ago; for direct appropriations from the Grand Lodge for their support, amounting to more than \$300,000, have been made, every dollar of which has been devoted to the relief of distressed sojourning brethren, their widows and orphans from other jurisdictions, and no fraction

of this has been returned, and this amount has been very largely increased through the per capita assessments contributed monthly by the lodges tributary to the several Boards. Our capable Grand Secretary informs us that after careful investigation he has found that, owing, no doubt, to our geographical position and benign climate, California's expenditures of this character have been, not only more than similar expenditures of any other American jurisdiction, but possibly nearly as large as all others combined. This work has truly been a work of love, no sordid thought has ever cast a darkling shadow, the only consideration has been a high and worthy purpose to exemplify Masonic truths, yet when our hour of tribulation came, which chilled our hearts with distress and trial, and when warmth and gladness came to us from the generous glow of sympathetic love of our brethren throughout the world, we took comfort in the reflection that it also had been at times past our priceless privilege to extend to others the helping hand.

During an extensive tour of visitation the Grand Master travelled 25,000 miles (5,000 of these by sea). He visited every district and a large majority of the lodges. At one of the lodges he witnessed the initiation of a father and his four sons.

The usual routine business was transacted.

No report on Correspondence.

George M. Perine (San Francisco), G. M.

George Johnson (San Francisco), G. S.

COLORADO.

47th Communication, Denver, September 17th, 1907.

Arthur E. Jones, G. M.

The Grand Master reports prosperity, peace and harmony all along the line. He granted dispensations for five new lodges.

The new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf reports on Correspondence, devoting three pages to our Proceedings of 1906. We copy part of his excellent conclusion:

First, let us dwell for a moment upon our Symbolism. Few of our brethren fully realize the grandeur and significance of this inheritance and possession of the Craft, which is the most exalted and inspiring that has ever engaged the thought of man. Other builds and crafts have risen and flourished for a time, with initiatory ceremonies whose phraseology was connected with their handicrafts, but none other save the building art could have furnished such a wealth of terms capable of moral application and in harmony with our conception of the creative work of the universe. The symbolism of

Masonry thus stands pre-eminent above all other. It has its foundation in truth, and is, therefore, eternal and unchangeable. It is a priceless heritage from the fathers who chose The Builder for its ideal and The Temple of Living Stones as its work and the aspiration of human endeavor. Despite the contention of some Masonic writers, and even members of our guild, we believe that the speculative era of Masonry antedates by many centuries the formation of the premier Grand Lodge in 1717.

The tradition that our ancient brethren wrought in both operative and speculative Masonry is no myth and is susceptible of proof did time permit. Their connection with the operative art and familiarity with the tools and implements employed in construction, favored the transition to speculative contemplation, and they the more readily grasped the significance of the symbolism and its adaptability to the end in view, namely, the upbuilding of the Inner Temple by the square of virtue and the plumb-line of rectitude.

If, as asserted, Masonry before 1717 was strictly operative in its character, why the concern and solicitude over the conduct of its members? Even the Apprentice who visited a town at night must be accompanied by a fellow to bear testimony that he was in honest company, etc. Surely merely operative conditions required no such surveillance and maintenance of moral standards. There must have been other reasons, was it not in the underlying speculative element which was intimately connected with the operative art.

Joseph A. Davis (Boulder), G. M.

Charles H. Davidson (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

120th Communication, Hartford, January 15, 1908.

Andrew J. Hallock, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is carefully prepared and brings out all matters that came before him in clear relief.

He briefly reviews the reports of his District Deputies, and commends them for their loyal assistance.

The Craft is in a prosperous condition.

The Grand Master made numerous official visits and was everywhere welcomed and reports the work well done.

He, however, sounds a note of warning, as seen by the following:

From reports received, and from observation, we learn that some lodges do not rehearse the lectures in their entirety in the several lodges for the benefit of the candidate; that often he is told that the same are monitorial, etc. This we feel to be entirely wrong. There is no part of our work that you, my brethren, officers of lodges, have any right to eliminate, it is all essential and should be carefully considered.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we find that their membership now amounts to 21,410, a gain of 658 for the past year.

Fraternal recognition was granted to the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

We learn with regret of the illness of their Secretary, Bro. John S. Barlow, and trust this may not be of long duration.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings for 1907.

Edward E. Fuller (Tolland), G. M.

John H. Barlow (Hartford), G. S.

COSTA RICA.

Quarterly Communication, San Jose, Nov. 30, 1906.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported as follows :

1. That the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland be deferred.

2. That further information be obtained with regard to the so-called Grand Lodge of Los Angeles.

3. That official relations be entered into with the Grand Orient of Italy and that an exchange of representatives be effected.

That recognition of the Grand Lodge of Hayti be held over.

That official relations be established and an exchange of representatives be effected with the Grand Lodges of Greece, Hungary, Prussia and Egypt ; with the Grand Orient of Brazil and Portugal, and with the Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic, all of which was approved.

Annual Communication, San Jose, Jan. 25, 1907.

The following paragraph from the address of the Grand Master-elect will give some idea of the state of the Craft in this jurisdiction :

In response to your desires, and relying on your support and good wishes, I, for the second time, enter on the discharge of my obligations as your Grand Master, a position of great honor, but also one beset with many difficulties.

Indeed, at the outset, I find the affairs of the Craft in a precarious state. One lodge is suspended, others are working under unfavorable conditions, lack of enthusiasm and want of vitality are prevalent.

As you are well aware, brethren, I had desired to avoid my election to office, but Don Adrian Collado, the eminent brother whom we have honored with our suffrages, has been precluded by undeniably good reasons from accepting the position, and Bro. Piza's absence has deprived us of the opportunity of electing him as our leader ; moreover, further delay would be fraught with danger to the pressing interests of the Craft, and therefore I have been constrained to assent to my nomination.

While, therefore, it is to be regretted that Grand Lodge is called upon to continue its labors without the administrative assistance of these distinguished brethren, it only remains for each of us to show increasing perseverance in our endeavors to carry on the good work.

We are not alone in being called upon to meet periods of depression and discouragement; let us but meet out time of adversity with courage and determination, and we shall surely see our troubles disappear. For the immediate present we cannot better employ our energies than by concentrating our efforts on obtaining the fulfilment of our cherished scheme of providing the Craft with a temple worthy of our traditions.

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It is much to be regretted that the enforced absence of the outgoing Grand Master has deprived us of the usual annual address, the want of which will cause a lamentable hiatus in the report of our proceedings. I trust the brethren will accept this intimation of my excuses on his behalf, and I am sure that you unite with me in my expressions of appreciation and esteem for our worthy brother.

Lodges, 8; members, 206; decrease, 3.

Tomas Povedano (San Jose), G. M.

Diego Povedano (San Jose), G. S.

CUBA.

Annual Communication, Havana, March 24, 1907.

Jose F. Pellon, G. M.

The Proceedings are in Spanish, but the address of the Grand Master is also given in English.

A new lodge was established in Artemisa, five others were revived, and four surrendered their charters.

We quote as follows:

Material peace reigns in Cuba. Let us thank the G. A. O. T. U. for it and fervently pray Him to endow all Cubans with that spirit of justice and sentiments of love necessary to establish also moral peace.

When the Grand Lodge met last September in its quarterly communication, our country was deeply disturbed and there were no hopes of overcoming the sad situation in which it was placed, notwithstanding the efforts of some good willed men, pledged in the work of re-establishing harmony and peace. Among these men were the members of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, represented by a committee accorded by you at a special communication called for that purpose, a committee which our W. Bro. Dionisio Peon presided and that made great efforts to accomplish his fraternal task.

If success did not crown their generous intent and it became necessary for the powerful Republic from Washington to impose peace in order to quiet the upraised men in arms, the philanthropic mission that the members of the Grand Lodge of Cuba imposed upon themselves, in compliance with their Masonic duties, was not the less commendable.

We, members of the Grand Lodge, must be satisfied, and if on that occasion the fraternal call was unheeded, on account of the excited and misguided passions then prevailing, let us continue to accomplish the noble work exacted from us by our obligations, that of controlling our passions so as to never contribute either directly or indirectly to the disturbance of public peace or encourage discord in Cuba.

There is a report on Correspondence also in Spanish, in which our Proceedings for 1906 are reviewed.

Fernando Figueredo (Velado), G. M.

Carlos G. Charles (Habana), G. S.

DELAWARE.

102nd Annual Communication, Wilmington, October 2nd, 1907.

Robert K. Stephenson, G. M.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges and was much impressed with the work.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Fraternal relations were renewed with the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Their Grand Secretary, Bro. B. F. Bartram, died on the opening day of the session, and a committee was appointed to prepare a suitable memorial resolution. Bro. Bartram was Grand Secretary since 1892. He had also been Secretary of the Board of Public Education of Wilmington for eleven years. He was much respected and his loss will be deeply regretted.

Bro. L. H. Jackson reviews our Proceedings of 1906.

Thomas J. Day (Wilmington), G. M.

Virginius V. Harrison (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The corner stone of their new Masonic Temple was laid on June 8th, with elaborate ceremony. Bro. Theodore Roosevelt delivered a stirring address. According to the description given the new building will be a most imposing structure.

At a special communication, held on September 28th, the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Chile were recognized, but action on the Grand Lodge of Paraguay was deferred for further information.

On the report of a Special Committee the following regulation was made in regard to the admission of visitors:

Resolved, That hereafter no lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive a visitor from any lodge outside of this jurisdiction, unless a Master Mason, known as such in the lodge, shall have personally vouched for the visitor as a Master Mason, and also vouched for his good standing; or unless the visitor, after strict examination, shall have proven himself to be a Master Mason.

Provided, that no such visitor shall be examined until he furnishes to the Master of the lodge, or to the committee on examination appointed by him, some documentary evidence, such as a diploma, certificate under seal of the lodge, receipt for dues under seal of the lodge, Grand Secretary's certificate, or written endorsement by a Grand Master, showing that he was in good standing within twelve months of the date on which he presents himself for examination, or his credibility is vouched for by a Master Mason, known as such in the lodge in which he is to be examined.

And provided further, that in every instance in which a visitor offers the voucher of a Master Mason as to his credibility in lieu of the production of documentary evidence of his good standing, the question of the acceptance of such voucher shall be determined by the Master of the lodge before the examination of the visitor is proceeded with.

And provided further, that a brother hailing from a jurisdiction which has adopted a card, certificate, or other special document, shall be required to produce such card, certificate, or other special document before being examined.

The surplus returned from the California Relief Fund was donated to the Home.

97th Communication, Washington, Dec. 18, 1907.

Francis J. Woodman, G. M.

The following extract from the address of the Grand Master gives a good idea of the condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction:

According to the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have, accompanied by the other officers of the Grand Lodge, made a visitation to each of the twenty-seven lodges within this jurisdiction, and it gives me most unalloyed pleasure to testify here to the general prosperity that was exhibited in the reports at these visitations. The receptions of the grand officers by the Masters and brethren of the lodges was most cordial and courteous, and the programs submitted for our entertainment were of a high order and exceedingly entertaining. The visitation to Naval Lodge, No. 4, was, perhaps, the most noteworthy. The brethren had but recently had their beautiful lodge room frescoed, and they had for the orator of the evening Bro. Fairbanks, Vice-President of the United States, which with the other entertainment, was in a measure responsible for the large and enthusiastic attendance.

The report of the Grand Secretary as to the amount of work done by the lodges this year is very gratifying. Twenty-five of the twenty-seven lodges show a net gain, running from three to thirty-nine, and two lodges show a net loss amounting

to four. The total membership of the jurisdiction at the close of the year, September 30th, 1906, was 7,999. During the year 534 were initiated, 564 passed, 541 raised, 75 affiliated, and 61 reinstated, making the total gain 677. There were 75 withdrawals, 148 deaths, 89 dropped for non-payment of dues, and one suspended U. M. C., making a total membership on September 30, 1907, 8,363, a net gain of 364 for the year. That the lodges have guarded their doors against undesirable and unworthy persons is evidenced by the fact that there were 99 rejections.

The report of the Grand Secretary also shows that the lodges, as a rule, are in a splendid financial condition. The balance of cash in hand September 30, 1906, was \$29,183.04; received during the year, \$75,192.05; making a total to be accounted for of \$104,375.09. There was expended during the year \$66,971.93, leaving a balance on hand September 30, 1907, of \$37,403.16, an increase in cash over last year of \$8,220.12. The amount expended for relief was \$8,357.02, which is \$799.86 in excess of that expended last year. There has been an increase in assets of \$17,957.03. This splendid financial showing, coupled with the fact that perfect peace, harmony, and good fellowship have everywhere prevailed, is, I am sure, very gratifying to us all.

Through the instrumentality of one of their members they were able to discover the last resting place of the remains of the first Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, Bro. Valentine Reintzell, who died in 1817. The remains were discovered in the old Presbyterian Cemetery in Georgetown and were removed to and interred in Glenwood Cemetery in the Masonic Circle, November 5th.

In consequence of the expense incurred in connection with the maintenance of the new building, proposals were made for an increase in the fees. This amendment is to be acted upon at the May Communication.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. George W. Baird.

Canada for 1906 receives very careful attention. We quote as follows:

The Grand Master was influential in preventing the word "Masonic" being embodied in a bill before parliament, which had for its purpose an insurance company. The Grand Master is opposed to the introduction of the word "Masonic" in any business enterprise, and he had courage enough to oppose it openly and voluntarily.

The Grand Master earnestly deprecated "canvassing for office" in the Grand Lodge.

The money spent in charity is, as usual, enormous.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Henry Robertson. In his introduction he compares the Freemasons of France

with the Order of the Illuminati, which was founded in Bavaria in 1776. We beg leave to invite his attention to our essay under the caption of Quebec of his report, and our report on Belgium for 1905. We feel sure that the Freemasons of France are persecuted by the Papal Church, and that those Masons are not by any means the aggressors. It is well known that all Masons have been excommunicated by the Church of Rome. Now read the ritual of excommunication and you will see that its awful curses and invectives are too horrible for even a decent pagan to utter. The conflict in France is between the people and the church; that is all. The French people think they have rights the church should respect; nothing more.

From his review of Chile we have the following interesting information:

There appear to be 10 lodges. The highest number is 34, indicating that 24 lodges have ceased to exist.

The seat of the Grand Lodge was formerly at Valparaiso (the Vale of Paradise), but since that city was destroyed by earthquake and fire the Grand Lodge has been moved to Santiago, the capital.

The Craft is in a state of unrest. The priests were persecuting the Craft and the public schools endowed by Blas Cuera when we first saw Chile in 1872. The laws of the republic do not permit the order to own property there, but the "club central" is owned by the members of the club and the lodges meet in that club house. It has a handsome marble structure of classic architecture. The club rooms were the best in Valparaiso.

About 10 years ago a number of Germans in the lodges essayed to substitute the book of constitutions for the Great Light, and for a very brief period succeeded, but a number of the natives, headed by the English and Scotch members, succeeded in defeating this innovation and replaced the Great Light. But the acrimony has not ended. Added to this came the earthquake and holocaust, which was more severe than that in San Francisco. Against all this the loyal Masons, headed by the zealous Buenaventura Cadiz, have bravely held together. But many of the weaker ones have dropped out, and, it is said, Senor Cadiz died of a broken heart.

The temple was destroyed, with the city, August 16, 1906. The fire continued for days, and the suffering was intense. Chile is a strip of land about 2,000 miles long north and south, and has an average width of less than 130 miles. On one side it is bounded by the Pacific ocean and on the other by the sterile Andes. In this isolated territory the brethren of the mystic tie suffered with the elite, the padres, and the peons.

The officers of the Grand Lodge are Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Warden (Premier Celador), Junior Grand Warden, Orator, Secretary General, Adjutant General, and Treasurer. Excepting the Grand Master (V. G. Ewing) all the names are Spanish.

The principal communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Santiago on October 24, 1906. There were 12 lodges repre-

sented. The business was on constitutional matters, changes, substitutions, etc., on which subjects the discussions were earnest.

The brethren in Chile have had a struggle for existence from the time of the origin of Masonry in 1862. When the writer was in that country in 1872-73 the members of the order were of the most respected men in the republic. The constitution of Chile closely resembles that of the United States, but it differs in one essential, i. e., they require a property qualification to make a voter eligible.

Bro. Baird wields a facile pen, and his report is exceedingly interesting, but we have only room for the following, which we take from his review of Quebec:

In the anti-Masonic congress which convened at Trent as late as 1896 it was officially stated that the congress was "called together with the concurrence and favor of Pope Leo XIII., who, in a special brief, bestowed his benediction and approval on its aims and purposes; twenty-two influential cardinals, over 200 bishops, the most important clerical associations, the whole of the clerical press, and over 500 ecclesiastics, from the highest to the lowest, were present." * * * "General and particular aim. To wage war on Masonry as an institution, on Masons as individuals, in all countries and places where the order exists; to wage war on Masonry as a body by collecting supposed documents and facts, assertions of perjured Masons as evidence, and thus bring to light, or rather coin by means of the press or social publications, all the misdeeds of the fatal institution, all the demoralizing influences it exercises, through obscene or sacriligious rites, corruption, and occult conspiracies on man and civilization. to wage war on individual Masons by opposing them in every commerce, in their professional avocations, in all their endeavors to participate in public life, local or general; to cast them out—in one word, boycott them."

This is quoted literally from the proceedings of that congress, as we get it from the Grand Lodge of Italy. It cannot be claimed that this was intended for the Grand Orient of France alone. On the contrary, it is patent that it was intended as much for Quebec as for France. It preceded the separation of church and state in France. It preceded the trial and conviction of the Christian (?) Brothers in France for "crimes against nature practiced on their (boy) pupils." It is very clear to my mind that the aggression and the "demoralizing influence" is not in the Grand Orient of France, but is centered, where it has long been, in the church which is persecuting men because they are Freemasons.

In this anti-Masonic congress we find Leo Taxil figuring. It was soon after this that he was exposed in Paris. Taxil reported that Masons assembled in a cave under the Rock of Gibraltar, where there was a smithy, for the fashioning of tools for devil-worship. Then "Priest Schwartz, of Mertembers, undertook to define the relations of the lodge to Christianity. By a series of authentic expressions of prominent Masons and quotations from Masonic works, he tried to prove that the so-

called humanistic principles which the lodge espouses was in reality the glorification of man in his purely human instead of Christian character. The lodge aims at making a man independent of God; it denies all revelation and opposes Christianity; it goes further, it denies the existence of a personal God. Its religious belief is Pantheistic, for it sees in the working of the forces of nature and in the government of its laws the highest manifestation of divine power. From Pantheism to atheism, and from atheism to satanism is but a logical sequence. And that atheism and satanism were actually practiced in the lodge the orator endeavored to prove by a number of utterances and quotations."

All this took place eleven years ago. I quote it not in defence of the Grand Orient of France, but in defence of the whole of the Craft.

Turn back to the letter, "Humanum Genus," by Pope Leo XIII., and you will see that it is not simply a denunciation of Freemasonry, but it alleges enormities and immoralities of the whole fraternity of Freemasons, without exception. And like other popes he clinches his invectives with a curse.

Turn back to the writings of Juan Antonio Llorente in his "Critical History of the Inquisition in Spain," derived from the original documents in the archives of the supreme tribunal of the Holy Office, from which came the statement of the number of victims butchered by Torquemada and his successors.

Llorente was ex-secretary of the inquisition of the court, canon of the Primetial Church of Toledo, chancellor of the university of that city, knight of the order of Charles III., and member of the Royal Academy of History.

Pope Leo, in his famous encyclical letter referred to, said:

"One is the Kingdom of God on earth, the true church of Jesus Christ * * * the other the Kingdom of Satan, * * * but at this time those who support the worst faction seem all to be conspiring most vigorously, led and aided by what is called Freemasonry, a society of men most widely spread and firmly established. For now in no way concealing their designs they are rousing themselves most boldly against the power of God * * *."

I beg leave to invite the attention of our readers to the scope of this calumny. That it does not refer any more to the Grand Orient of France than to other orients or Grand Lodges or any committee of Freemasons.

The entire encyclical is full of these invectives, but it is not necessary to multiply examples.

If the Chairman of Foreign Correspondence in Quebec, or any other student, desires to educate himself further in this line he is offered these references:

Bull in Eminentissimi of Pope Clement XII., dated April 27, 1738; confirmed and renewed by that beginning Providas of Benedict XIV., May 17, 1751; the edict of Pius VII., in 1821; and the Apostolic edict, Quo Graviora, of Leo XII., in 1825, with those of Pius VII. in 1829, Gregory XVI. in 1832, and Pius IX. in 1846, 1865, et seq.

The title of the bull In Eminentissimi of Clement XII. is "condemnatio societatis seu conventiculorum de liberi muratori

sue the Freemasons, under the penalty ipso facto incurred, of excommunication; absolution from it, except in articulo mortis, being reserved for the supreme pontiff."

We have been in France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Austria, England, and all the republics on the west side of South American. We have some personal knowledge of the attitude of the church toward Freemasonry in all of them, but we have never heard a word uttered in any of their lodges on the subject of politics or religion.

My recollection of the regard the French Masons had for Masonry is that they view it, as we do, as a "system of morals, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." We do not assume to save souls nor to give absolution. We avoid religious subjects, if for no other reason to prevent offending some brother who may have other and different views.

We notice with regret that Bro. Baird intends to resign from the corps.

Augustus B. Coolidge (Washington), G. M.

Arvine W. Johnston (Washington), G. S.

ENGLAND.

A Special Grand Lodge was held November 6, 1906, at which a long discussion took place on the renovation and leasing of the Grand Lodge building. A resolution was carried referring the question to a committee with power to act.

Quarterly Communication, December 6, 1906.

A special committee of nine was elected by Grand Lodge to carry out the above recorded resolution.

Quarterly Communication, June 5, 1907.

Among the distinguished visitors we find in attendance M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, Past Grand Master of Canada.

The Board of General Purposes presented a report on the condition of affairs in Queensland, from which we quote the concluding paragraph:

The English District Grand Master of Queensland and his officers are brethren of tact and discretion, who may be trusted to forward any legitimate and proper means of bringing about harmony within the State, and the Board has no reason to doubt that the Irish and Scottish Masonic authorities are equally actuated by that fraternal feeling. In the hope that the support of this Grand Lodge to its District Grand Officers in their efforts to carry out the legitimate aspirations of the brethren on constitutional lines will aid materially in the attainment of that object, the Board submits the foregoing.

Quarterly Communication, December 4, 1907.

Upon a message from the Grand Master the following report was adopted:

The Grand Master may confer on Past Masters of London lodges, to the number of one for each lodge in the year 1908, and not exceeding one hundred and fifty in all in any one year thereafter, the right to wear during the Grand Master's pleasure, a distinctive jewel, collar and apron, with the designation of "London Rank." Such rank shall be equivalent to Provincial or District Grand Rank in Provincial or District Grand Lodges, and the provisions of Rule 96 shall apply to the holders of such London rank, so that they do not by such holding take any rank out of the London area as defined in Rule 153. They shall be, however, entitled to wear their jewels and clothing as holders of London rank in all Masonic meetings.

This, from the Mother Grand Lodge of England, which has always prided itself upon resisting all innovations, comes as rather a startling surprise. The recipients of this rank will presumably be named by the Grand Master upon the advice of other brethren. Then will be found in the same lodge brethren of equal meritorious Masonic rank and others of a fictitious rank. It seems to us that these distinctions had better be avoided and that the preservation of unity and concord is not likely to be furthered by such anomalous rank. The fee of honor for this "London Rank" was fixed at two guineas. This will bring in an addition to Grand Lodge funds of about twelve hundred pounds, but we can hardly imagine that this would be the underlying motive for the adoption of this resolution. The only other benefit we can see in the matter will accrue to the manufacturers of Masonic regalia.

The new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

At a special meeting held January 20th, 1908, the following resolution was adopted:

That the report be referred back to the Special Committee, with an instruction to prepare a scheme, under which Freemasons' Hall and the banqueting hall of Freemasons' Tavern may be adapted, and, if necessary, enlarged, by utilizing such of the vacant land on the south and east sides as may be necessary, and used exclusively for the purposes of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, the dining clubs in connection therewith, and Grand Festival, the secretarial and clerical offices, library and committee rooms and the Masonic charity offices and festivals; and to report upon the best means of disposing of the remainder of the premises for commercial purposes, either with or without the license.

Quarterly Communication, March 4th, 1908.

The Special Committee appointed at the last quarterly meeting to see about the leasing of the Freemasons' Tavern, reported as follows :

Having thus exhausted the reference, nothing remains but for the committee to express its sincere regret and great disappointment at not being successful in solving the very difficult task which Grand Lodge did it the honor of confiding to it.

Your Committee has given some consideration to the idea of a Masonic Club being formed to occupy the Tavern premises and thus dispense with the license.

While agreeing that a small social club would have little chance of success, one with a very large number of members paying a small annual subscription would constitute a valuable addition to the Home of English Masonry in Great Queen street.

And after a long discussion the following resolution was adopted :

That it be an instruction to the Board of General Purposes to take immediate steps to put the Tavern premises in proper order at as small a cost as possible, and to act.

In regard to the admission of visitors we quote the following from the report of the Board :

Some complaints investigated by the Board during the past few months have shown that there are lodges where great laxity prevails with respect to the examination and admission of visitors, and it felt that Masters and Tylers cannot pay too strict a regard to the rules and requirements of the Order. Great care ought also to be exercised with respect to visitors from abroad, and none admitted unless hailing from jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, as shown in the calendar. The Board is making enquiries with respect to certain continental and other bodies, the result of which will appear in due time, but in the meantime it would state, in answer to numerous enquiries, that neither the Grand Orient of France nor the Grand Lodge of France is a Masonic body recognized, or entitled to recognition, by the Grand Lodge of England.

The Duke of Connaught, G. M.

Sir Edward Letchworth (London), G. S.

FLORIDA.

79th Communication. Jacksonville, Jan. 21, 1908.

Elmer E. Haskell, G. M.

The Grand Master proved himself an efficient officer, and from his address we quote the following :

And now, dear brethren, the record of my official acts during the past year is opened before you and presented "as work for inspection."

For them I claim no special merit, rather it has been my earnest desire to so perform the duties of the high office to which you elected me one year ago, as to meet your approval. Brilliant achievement is not for every one who desires, but honest effort to do well that which is next to us may be attained by the most humble. In the performance of duty and the exercise of judgment there is no more joyful approval than "He did his best," for that is the summit of individual effort. The high honors and dignity conferred upon me, the many attentions and courtesies extended to me, and the universal respect, confidence and cordial support accorded my every effort whenever and wherever it has been my privilege to meet the brethren in this jurisdiction, have been a constant source of inspiration and help and have materially lightened and relieved my official labors as Grand Master.

I therefore take this opportunity to acknowledge my sincere appreciation of the many acts and matters so promptly and cheerfully performed by all of the Grand Lodge officers and brethren with whom I have had official business. We have been bountifully blessed and prospered during the past year, and peace and harmony prevails within our jurisdiction. But there is much yet to do. We have not yet reached the full measure of our capacity for usefulness and of real benefit to our brethren. We have not yet accomplished the high ideals emblazoned upon our banners and taught in our beautiful ceremonies. There is so much to do now, for to-morrow may be too late. Looking backward we may all see many opportunities for doing good wasted, and, like plucked flowers, lying scattered, withering and dead. But yesterday is not lost if we but perceive its lesson and profit therefrom.

My brother, Masonry honors and should benefit you. It cannot do this in its full measure unless you honor and benefit the noble fraternity of which you claim to be one, and, as benevolent societies, yea, all societies, are benefited directly in proportion as the individual perfects himself in its best ideals and aims, so Freemasonry is best served by your attaining to the best that it teaches.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The Grand Orient of Paraguay was refused.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we fully recognize the legitimacy of Master Masons made in lodges of A. & A. S. Rite in countries where that is the dominant rite, and welcome them to our lodges for visitation and affiliation under the usual Masonic restrictions the same as if made in lodges of our obedience.

On the second day of the session the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at Jacksonville was laid with most impressive ceremonies.

All the Grand Officers were re-elected.

The trustees of the proposed Masonic Home determined not to proceed to erect the proposed building until an endowment fund had been secured sufficient for its en-

dowment and maintenance, and a special committee was appointed to solicit further contributions. The sum on hand now amounts to about \$14,000.00.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1907, Bro. Silas B. Wright compliments our District Deputies on their excellent work.

We quote part of his concluding remarks :

The effort by certain Correspondence writers to create an interest in Masonic circles in behalf of the Grand Lodge of France, is being pushed with but indifferent success. The resolutions pending before the Grand Lodge of Iowa upon this subject were indefinitely postponed and their author relegated to private life. The members of the Round Table who have been investigating the Grand Lodge of France are not yet satisfied that the Grand Lodge requires a positive declaration of belief in deity by their candidates.

Scottish Rite Grand Bodies.

Some of the Grand Lodges have gone so far as to recognize Grand Orients, while by far the larger number refuse to do so.

It is generally held that American Grand Lodges should not recognize and exchange representatives with any body other than a sovereign independent Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over symbolic degrees only.

The Grand Orients and Grand Lodges under the control of Scottish Rite Bodies are not such bodies, and should not be recognized. The Grand Lodge of Florida has declared such to be the rule here, and we think correctly so.

Grand Lodges formed by lodges originally chartered by the Scottish Rite Grand Bodies, in countries where only the Scottish Rite is worked, who have become absolutely independent, free from all control by the higher bodies, have been recognized by nearly all of the American Grand Lodges. Brothers Jenks, of Wisconsin, and Robins, of Illinois, still oppose such recognition, claiming that such lodges and Grand Lodges are clandestine.

Masonic International Office.

This organization is still striving to obtain the "adhesion" of the Grand Lodges of England and New York, with indifferent success. The big meeting to have been held in Italy last summer was postponed because only the smaller and "irregular" bodies had signified an intention to be represented. We have no cause to change our opinion as expressed in our report of last year.

Documentary Evidence.

The question of requiring documentary evidence of all applicants for examination for initiation, is spreading, and it will be well for all Masons to carry at all times receipts for dues with seal of their lodge attached and a diploma or certificate by the Grand Secretary that it is from a regular lodge.

The Grand Master of Nova Scotia was refused an examining committee in Boston during the year because he had no

documentary evidence with him. Many others have met with the same fate when far away from home and unknown.

Elmer E. Haskell (Palatka), G. M.

Wilbur P. Webster (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

121st Communication, Macon, October 29, 1907.

Max Meyerhardt, G. M.

Bro. Meyerhardt still keeps up his excellent record. On the flourishing condition of the fraternity in his jurisdiction we quote the following:

Thank God, the year just closing has been for us a year of harmony and peace, a year of such unparalleled prosperity that every true Masonic heart must glow with thankfulness and joy.

Our treasury is full beyond our greatest expectations. Our numbers have increased beyond our fondest hopes. The roll of lodges has grown to more than half a thousand. Our Home has sheltered all our helpless and dependent ones. And from the mountains to the sea, in all our jurisdiction, the principles for which we stand have been upheld and practiced with a loyalty and zeal unknown in all our glorious past.

We fully approve of his refusal to advertise Masonry:

"I was invited to deliver an address and to take part in the exercises of "Fraternal Day" at the State Fair in Atlanta. I declined on the ground that Masonry does not advertise for itself nor for others, and I do not think that the Grand Master of Masons should allow himself to be used for advertising a fair or for any similar purpose.

The proposed Grand Lodge building at Macon is to be devoted entirely to Grand Lodge purposes. Its erection was deferred until the requisite funds from the sale of their old building and other sources were on hand.

After seven years service as Grand Master, Bro. Meyerhardt retired, and a series of resolutions of thanks for his magnificent services were unanimously adopted.

In his report on Correspondence Bro. A. Q. Moody reviews our Proceedings for 1906, giving numerous extracts therefrom.

Thomas H. Jeffries, G. M.

W. A. Wolihin (Atlanta), G. S.

IDAHO.

40th Communication, Boise, September 10, 1907.

William F. Smith, G. M.

The Grand Master's address is a concise and careful

statement of his official acts, and the work accomplished shows that he performed the important duties of his position in a wise and efficient manner.

On the state of the Craft he says:

I congratulate you that the Order in our jurisdiction is in a flourishing condition, keeping pace with the prosperity that prevails throughout the land. Many of the lodges have largely increased their membership, and it is gratifying to report the accessions in most instances have been those of men who appreciate the duties and responsibilities they have assumed, which is the best indication that the outer doors of our tabernacle are well guarded.

Referring to his official visitation the Grand Master evolved a very sensible idea:

When notifying lodge of my intended visit I deviated somewhat from the usual custom by requesting that the banquet or lunch usually served on the occasion of the Grand Master's visit be dispensed with, believing more good could be accomplished by remaining in the hall after closing, personally meeting the brethren, and instructing in the work, or discussing questions of interest to the lodge. In nearly every instance brothers would ask questions about the work, or bring up some point of law, who, on account of timidity or bashfulness, would not present them during the session of the lodge. I was thus enabled to obtain a better knowledge of the general condition of the Order and the views of the fraternity upon questions which it would have been impossible to obtain otherwise. These meetings gave me much satisfaction and pleasure, and, I hope, resulted in some benefit to the lodges.

The Grand Lecturer system does not seem to work well in Idaho, the results not being commensurate with the expense on account of the extent of territory.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Western Australia were recognized.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1906 Bro. Geo. E. Knepper has the following:

In most of the by-laws sent to the Grand Master for approval there was a clause providing that any brother twelve months in arrears for dues should not be permitted to vote at the annual election of officers. He rightfully holds that a member, not suspended is entitled to all Masonic privileges, that there can be no partial disfranchisement. Two hundred and sixteen dispensations, for all sorts of things supposed to be masonic, were issued. That's going some.

William C. Whitwell (Salmon), G. M.

Theophilus W. Randall (Boise), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

68th Communication, Chicago, October 1, 1907.

Chester E. Allen, G. M.

In this large jurisdiction the office of Grand Master is no sinecure, and Bro. Allen appears to have performed the duties of his office in a very efficient manner. His address gives full details of his official acts.

Ten new lodges were opened.

The death is announced of a former Grand Secretary, Bro. H. C. Dill, who had held that office for thirteen years.

On the condition of the Craft Bro. Allen says:

I am pleased to be able to report to you, brethren, that the past year has been a most prosperous one, and Ancient Craft Masonry in this grand jurisdiction has made marked progress. Peace and harmony have generally prevailed, and the reports to the Grand Secretary evince a healthful and vigorous activity among the constituent lodges. The total membership of the seven hundred and fifty-two chartered lodges which comprise this jurisdiction is now nearly 85,000. The net gain in membership for the year is approximately 4,930, a very substantial increase. Furthermore, my observation has been that the constituent lodges have principally taken into the fold strong and intelligent young men, representing the best of manhood in the several communities, indicating that the essential qualifications have not been overlooked in the zeal for numerical growth.

Five Schools of Instruction were held by the Board of Grand Examiners, of which the Grand Master attended three, and he believes that this system results in much greater efficiency in the work.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Bro. John M. Pearson, who has been a member of Grand Lodge for fifty years, was introduced. He was cordially received and heartily congratulated. His response was very good:

I was off and out of sight, so I did not know what was going on for a few minutes. I am ashamed to confess it, but I can't hear now only when I want to hear, and I can't always hear when I do want to hear, but I understand that the M. W. brother was saying something about me. Now I will tell you a little something about him. I don't think you all ever heard it. A few years ago he had the misfortune to be elected to Congress over in the district where he lived, around Bloomington—a district Republican, generally, two to one. But they had their fight in their Republican convention, and so the people voted to send him to Congress. I don't know what they had against him (laughter); really, I don't know why they

should do that. The next year when he came to the Grand Lodge (that was almost two years after), they had a convention and nominated somebody else. Well, there are a good many who want to be Congressmen; I don't know why, but that year there wasn't any scarcity of candidates at all, and going to the train, I found the brother there on the platform. He and I walked together up to the gates, heading for the Grand Lodge. I remarked to him: "Why," says I, "you here?—there is a convention down in your district this week." "Yes," says he. "Well," says I, "ought you not to be there to look after your fences?" He says, "Brother Pearson, if I was to have my choice—to be elected or re-nominated to Congress, or to come to this Grand Lodge, and attend it with the prospect of being elected here, I should come to the Grand Lodge."

Now I have told that on him. I don't know what things he told you about me, but I want to say to you that my connection with this Grand Lodge for fifty years now, almost continuously, has been the pleasantest association that I have had in my life. I have received honors from you—all that you could give. I have tried to do what I could on the floor and in an official capacity. My brethren, meeting here, we have differed in things sometimes. The best men in the world differ; we have learned to respect each other, even when we differ, and that is the beauty of Masonry. The Grand Lodge, or subordinate lodge, respects a man if he does differ, and that has been a great lesson that I have tried to learn, and teach, so far as I had occasion in this Grand Lodge, and it affords me a great deal of pleasure, and I feel thankful to Almighty God that has spared my life to be with you so long a time.

Fraternal relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

The following report of Bro. Joseph Robbins was adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, A. F. & A. Masons:

Your Committee on Masonic Correspondence, to whom was referred at the last annual communication a resolution extending recognition to an alleged Masonic body calling itself the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report:

All Masonic jurists agree that it requires the concurrent action of at least three lodges to create a Grand Lodge; and certain it is that no Grand Lodge has been formed without that number in the last one hundred and sixteen years.

Our information is that the body under consideration was formed by the unauthorized splitting up of one lodge into three divisions and calling these divisions lodges—although two of them must have lacked that indispensable prerequisite to the making of a lodge, a charter—for the avowed purpose of securing the three lodges necessary to form a Grand Lodge.

While your committee is satisfied that this lodge itself existed without Masonic authority, it would seem superfluous to discuss that branch of the subject, for had it been a lawful lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of unquestioned regularity,

the practice of such a subterfuge would be a conclusive reason for refusing to recognize as t Grand Lodge the body it thus assumed to create. Your committee therefore recommends that recognition be denied.

Fraternally submitted.

JOSEPH ROBBINS, Committee.

In a special report Bro. Joseph Robbins gives some very interesting information on the recognition of European Grand Lodges:

Nearly coincident with the action of the Grand Lodge of New York in terminating its recognition of what had been found to be really subordinate bodies (1871), the German Grand Lodges, which were known to be originally of legitimate Ancient Craft derivation, became confederated in the German Grand Lodge Alliance—or union—or league (1872), known in German as the Grosslogen Bund. To this body, the managing directorship of which is held in annual rotation by the Grand Masters of the confederated grand lodges, each of the component bodies gave over the entire control of its foreign relations. The bodies thus addicting their sovereignty and thereby placing themselves in this respect in that dependent condition occupied by the nominal grand lodges of the grand orient system, are the three Berlin grand lodges, viz.: Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, National Grand Lodge of Germany and Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship; Grand Lodge of Hamburg, at Hamburg; Grand National Lodge of Saxony, Dresden; Grand Lodge of the Sun, Beyreuth; Grand Lodge of the Electric Union, Frankfurt, and the Grand Lodge of Concord, Darmstadt.

Although these bodies have thus divested themselves of the crowning attribute which had enabled them to meet or treat with sovereign grand Lodges in terms of equality, making it impossible for the Grand Lodge of Illinois to maintain those complete fraternal relations involved in formal recognition and the exchange of representatives, yet in view of their known lawful origin, this Grand Lodge in ordering a withdrawal of whatever recognition had heretofore been accorded to them as independent grand lodges, provided that such withdrawal should be without prejudice to their authority within the circumscribed domain in which they still maintained the right of separate action, and that it should not operate as an interdict against the members of their daughter lodges.

In attempting to carry out the instructions under which this committee is now acting, it is difficult to see how the making of three lists can be avoided without danger of misapprehension, but in doing this the committee will try to reach the avowed end and aim of those instructions in a way not to be mistaken.

Before presenting these lists some changes in the continental European situation should be noted. The first to be noticed is the changed condition of affairs with reference to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. That Grand Lodge having recalled the charter of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 86 (Hamburg register), of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Grand Lodge of New

York having re-established fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the recession of the edict of non-intercourse by the Grand Lodges of the United States which came the support of New York in 1851, will follow as a matter of course. There is, therefore, no reason why the Grand Lodge of Illinois should not take such action as will place the Grand Lodge of Hamburg on an equal footing, so far as this jurisdiction is concerned, with the other grand lodges of the German Alliance.

In the second place, when the special report of this committee was made in 1898, there existed in Berlin a fourth Grand Lodge called Kaiser Frederick of Masonic Fidelity, commonly known as the Settlegast Grand Lodge, from its founder Dr. Hermann Settlegast, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Royal York. This body, which was held as irregular by the Berlin Grand Lodges and by the German Grand Lodge League, has been prevailed upon to dissolve, and its lodges are now in allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

Third, a new Grand Lodge has sprung up at Leipzig, emanating from the Geaneau branch of Scottish Rite Masonry, with which none of the older Grand Lodges hold any intercourse. Its name is not known to your committee, but it will be somehow identified in the clandestine list.

Fourth, in the report of 1898 your committee expressed doubts whether the Grand Orient of the Netherlands had any features allying it with the Grand Orient system except the name. We now learn that these doubts were well grounded, and that "Grand Orient of the Netherlands" (Groot Oosten der Nederlanden), and "Grand Lodge of Holland" are two expressions for one and the same thing. It was of legitimate origin, and as your committee understands it works and deals only with the three degrees of Craft Masonry. The term "Grand Orient" is most commonly used at home, and may also stand for the general assembly which we call Grand Lodge, while "Grand Lodge" is oftener used in international connections. Your committee evidently made no mistake in classing it among those bodies, the members of whose obedience were eligible to visit Illinois lodges, in its former report. It has Provincial Grand Lodges in South Africa and in the Dutch East Indies, and these constituents have of course the same degrees of regularity as the parent body. The same is true of the District and Provincial Grand Lodges planted by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland in distant parts in Masonically open territory.

Extensive extracts are given from the address of Grand Master Burritt.

Alexander H. Bell (Carlinville), G. M.

Isaac Cutter (Camp Point), G. S.

INDIANA.

86th Communication, Indianapolis, May 28, 1907.

Walter O. Bragg, G. M.

The Grand Master had a busy year, crowded with

many duties, but the work was to him so congenial that it never seemed a burden.

From his excellent address we copy the following paragraph:

I am pleased to report satisfactory progress in our own Grand jurisdiction. On January 1, 1907, our total membership was 47,353, being a net increase over the previous year of 2,294. When we realize that in the United States of America alone there are more than one million wearers of the "compass and square," and that Masonry stands to-day stronger in its influence than at any time since its organization, we may well be proud of our connection with the Order. Its mollifying influence on the asperities of men; its softening of the prejudices and passions in business, in politics, in religion, is forcing it to the front as the most potent influence for peace and for a broader and higher civilization. Its strength is mighty, because its principles are pure and its ideals high; our system, while reposing on the rock of ages, has vindicated itself against aspersion and unjust persecution. Truly it may be said that at this time the "wisest and best of men are encouragers and promoters of our art."

As to the disposal of the surplus from the California Relief Fund, the following report was adopted:

We, your committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address pertaining to the disposition of the fund remaining from the money contributed for the relief of the California earthquake sufferers, and the resolution presented by Greenwood Lodge, No. 154, pertaining to the disposal of that money, would respectfully recommend that that money and the accrued interest thereon, amounting in all to \$2,094.10, which may from time to time be increased by donation, bequest or otherwise, be converted into an emergency relief fund. That the same be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, to be managed and controlled by him in such manner as to be always immediately available, and that in the interim between the meetings of this Grand Lodge said fund or any part thereof is to be at the disposal of the Grand Master for relief work in case of any great calamity or disaster, as his judgment may dictate.

Bro. McDonald presents the usual report on Correspondence and devotes six pages to a review of our Proceedings for 1906.

Bro. McDonald is in harmony with our ideas on the question of new Grand Lodges, and on the Queensland question he has the following:

The time is coming when the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland will be forced by the Masonic doctrine of autonomy to abandon the territory where each of them still claim concurrent jurisdiction and where eventually Grand Lodges will be formed in each State and Territory, composed

of all the lodges therein. The doctrine that no Grand Lodge can be formed in any territory where lodges have been formed by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, unless a majority of all these lodges unite in the new organization, is simply to say that no new Grand Lodge can be formed in these territories, because England especially, as it has already done on occasion, would not permit any of the lodges under its jurisdiction to take any part in the formation of a new Grand Lodge under penalty of having their charters arrested, and, therefore, it would be utterly impossible under these circumstances to ever organize a new Grand Lodge.

Walter O. Bragg (Greenfield), G. M.

Calvin W. Prather (Indianapolis), G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

34th Communication, South McAlester, Aug. 13, 1907
William Andrew McBride, G. M.

The prevailing prosperity of this fair territory and the prosperous outlook for the future, as well as the peace and harmony of the Order and the healthful condition of the Craft throughout this grand jurisdiction is certainly very encouraging.

A temporary Masonic Home was located at Atoka, but it was specially provided that this action should not in any manner commit the Grand Lodge as to the permanent location of the Home.

The question of the amalgamation of the two Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and Oklahoma was deferred.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey, and reviews our Proceedings for 1906.

James Boyd Morrow (Checotah), G. M.

Joseph Samuel Murrow (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

64th Communication. Clinton, June 4th, 1907.

William Fiske Cleveland, G. M.

Prosperity prevails. Four new lodges were formed. The uniformity of the work, which has never been excelled in the past, is very gratifying to the Grand Master.

Saskatchewan was recognized.

Request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Switzerland was refused, and that of Grand Orient of Greece deferred for further information.

Their magnificent Masonic library is a source of pride

to all Iowa Masons. In the report of the Committee on Library we find the following:

It has weathered the financial storms of its early existence and is now free from debt. Its quarters have been increased, by judicious additions and improvements, until its actual temporal value, aside from its Masonic worth and the items not now purchaseable, is far in excess of the actual money expended by the Grand Lodge. So that the library really owes the Grand Lodge nothing for donations, technically speaking. The money already spent is a financial investment that can be realized upon a commercial basis. But the time has come when the Craft should take cognizance of the work that the library can and should do and properly equip it to that end.

The annex, or building last purchased, should be overhauled and equipped as a reference library. This line of usefulness should not be limited to a purely Masonic field, but the work should be extended, as Masonry owes a duty to the world in general as well as Masons in particular. Ten years' accumulation of such matter is now useless because the work was discontinued three years since. This is particularly true of standard periodicals, which really represent the current life of the world, and yet are so seldom filed that it is difficult to obtain these faithful snap-shots of the world's work of only a few years since.

Public education is the foundation of future growth; the student of to-day is the man of to-morrow. The school-boy of to-day will be the Mason of to-morrow. Where and how can the influence of Masonry be more easily and advantageously exerted than by opening this library of reference to the young? It is true that this may be more particularly felt in the immediate vicinity of the library, but it will in time become more extended, and the additional cost of such maintenance, over and above that necessary without this adjunct, would be comparatively trifling. The material would in a large measure be furnished gratuitously.

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True, the utilitarian spirit of the age may provide from some of the brethren the query: "What does this really amount to? What general good is it?" Recognizing this spirit, we might ask in turn: "What does it cost us over and above what our expenses would otherwise be?" Very little indeed. The library building furnishes fitting offices for the Grand Officers and provides a permanent abiding place for its records. The library work is largely done by the employees of the Grand Lodge, whose number would have to be almost the same as if there were no library. More than this, you have bought it and paid for it. It is the child of your own creation, or, at least, adoption. Can you consistently, wisely, or even profitably now refuse it maintenance and the opportunity to develop into something that will gratify your pride and vindicate your judgment? It seems to your committee that you are irrevocably committed to the better, wiser and more generous course of continuing in the good work.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Charles C. Clark, P. G. M. For a first attempt it is indeed very creditable, but Bro. Clark has all the earmarks of an old hand with the pen. His review of our Proceedings of 1906 is kindly and fraternal. He is a little surprised at the number of our dispensations, saying that "if a lodge wants to do anything except breathe it is necessary to get permission."

In his notice of Alabama we find the following:

Some day we will get along far enough to realize that love of God and of one's fellow man is the same thing. Some of us are so anxiously looking out for our future state of happiness and are so fearful that we will not love God enough, and so obtain a front seat in the happy realms of the blessed, that we overlook the homely duty of caring for his children a little. God is love, eternal principle, absolute rightness, and we love Him best when we express in our own lives as much as finiteness will allow of these elements of God-likeness. The greatest is love of one's fellow man and doing one's duty by him.

Under the law of Iowa there are only two methods whereby a visitor may be vouched for by a brother—having sat with him in open lodge, or having examined him by order of the Master.

The Iowa plan of relief does not include the establishment of a costly Masonic Home, and their plan is thus defended:

Our brother is an enthusiastic supporter of the Home plan of benevolence, and argues ably in its favor. He calls attention to the smallness of the expenditures under the Iowa plan as proof of the inefficiency of the latter. We would say to the good brother that the Masons of Iowa are firm believers that the amount of money cuts no figure in determining the good done; that many times vast sums are recklessly squandered, or at least carelessly spent in display which may contribute greatly to the local pride which wants visible evidence of its good works, but which would be much better applied directly to the object to be attained. Without undue bragging we are impelled to say of our Iowa brethren that while they may be short on display they are long in the relief of distress, and after all that is the only thing the fraternity is striving for, whether by the institutional or fund plan. It is simply a matter of opinion as to the way to obtain the best results. Doubtless it is a most comfortable feeling to be able to point to magnificent buildings and to the well-fed and apparently happy inmates as ample proof that the local order is living true to its ideals. We take no stock, however, in the plea that the modest Mason will sooner go to a Home than to receive private relief. In jurisdictions where money is not of great consequence it is perhaps true that the best results are ob-

tained by a combination of the two plans, but if one or the other is to be the exclusive agency through which benevolence is to be extended, we are, from our present light, firmly committed to the fund plan.

We also quote the following from the review of Virginia:

Bro. Eggleston, as we are glad to record, is not one of those Masonic iconoclasts who persist in limiting the origin of the Fraternity to 1717. There is a class of students, and Masonry has it, which admits nothing but wants the absolute proof, and to these the belief of the average Mason that the fraternity dates back to the building of the Temple of Solomon is simply maddening. They demand the records for everything and hold that as not proven which cannot be established by documentary evidence. Many things in this life which we take as absolute verities are proven solely by the law of probabilities, and others which we regard as vital are simply matters of faith. Take, for instance, the matter of a belief in a God, the very foundation stone of the fraternity. This must be taken, as most of us believe, as simply a matter of faith, or at best the outgrowth of the law of probabilities. For ourselves we are willing to be classed, if you please, with those regarded by these iconoclasts as inaccurate thinkers and reasoners, and would just as soon as not place the origin of Masonry at the building of the Temple, or if you should press us real hard we would not mind throwing in a few centuries back of that just to make good measure. We opine that few things are so little subject to accurate measurement and diagnosis as human thought and action. Ever since the creation of the human race there has been a superior class of men, one recognizing something higher and better than the mere struggle for a living, and indeed, as we read history, a class which has always believed in the existence of one God, who was the real and the only ultimate force in the universe, men who believed in the sacredness of the individual and the absolute right of unfettered human action. The ancient priests of Egypt, we are told, had such an organization, and in the Elusinian mysteries of Greece are traces of the same order. This thought, running like a golden thread through the woof and warp of the ages, must have been a binding tie among those holding it, and undoubtedly would result in the formation of associations recognizing each other in some of the many well-known ways, and the fraternity standing to day as it does, the acknowledged champion of the same great ideas, has the right to trace its genealogy back as far as it can trace the prevalence of its own beliefs and characteristics in associations of men, and it bothers us not at all that some of the written pages are missing.

Rollin Madison Hunter (Sibley), G. M.

Newton Ray Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

IRELAND.

The pamphlet before us contains a lengthy address by the Deputy Grand Master, Sir James C. Meredith, the first part of which was delivered at the stated communication at Dublin on December 24th, 1907, and the second part at a Special Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim, at Belfast, January 15th, 1908. We are glad to be able to make the following extracts:

Brethren, it is pleasant for me to be able to say that the general condition of the Order throughout the country and throughout the various colonial lodges which depend upon this Grand Lodge, is eminently satisfactory. There is hardly any complaint to be heard anywhere, and for the most part those complaints which have arisen have been but trivial. We have only once during the year been called upon to enforce the extreme penalty of the law. We were obliged to expel one brother, a member of an African lodge, but, after all, Masons are human, and we cannot expect that we shall not occasionally, by accident, get amongst us one black sheep; and when we do we know how to deal with him. * * *

There are one or two other matters I want to refer to. The Grand Lodge of England has this year taken a new departure. It is interesting to us to know what other Grand Lodges are doing, but I do not think this is an example there is any occasion for us to follow. The Grand Lodge of England have given power to the Grand Master of England to confer what they call London rank upon distinguished members of lodges in the city of London. The brethren who are honored by that rank have the pleasure of paying substantial annual fees. They are to be entitled to wear distinctive clothing and ornaments, and they are to be entitled within the city of London to have the same reception as would be accorded to Provincial Grand Officers in their own province, but they are not to be entitled to carry their Masonic rank with them anywhere outside the city of London. They may wear their distinctive clothing, but they will not be received with Masonic honors in any portion of England except the city of London. The power of the Grand Master is limited to the creation of 600 of these brethren during 1908, and thereafter to 150 per annum, but seeing that the city of London alone furnishes 600 Past Masters every year, the number from which His Royal Highness the Grand Master of England is to choose will be amply large to enable him to select only distinguished brethren for the honor. One reason why I think it is not at all necessary that we should have anything of the kind is that in England, as you are aware, the whole of the Grand Officers, with the one exception of the Grand Treasurer, are the nominees of the Grand Master, and as a rule they are nominated from the members of a few only of the English lodges. Here, as you know, all the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge are the creatures of your own election—you have the right to elect whomsoever you please, and I am very glad

indeed to see sitting around me upon this dais to-day representatives of a great number of the lodges of Ireland, and if you include the foreign representatives of this Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Officers from the country, you will find that the lodges of Ireland are very fairly represented amongst those who are entitled to sit upon this dais. * * *

Another point that my attention has been called to is this. One of the laws of the Grand Lodge prohibits personal canvassing for grand office. Any brother who takes part in personal canvassing is ipso facto disqualified from holding the office for which he has been seeking the suffrages of his brethren. There is no question whatever about that; but I take it that we Masons ought to obey our laws in the spirit as well as in the absolute letter, and I believe that the law which prohibits personal canvassing equally prohibits the calling upon different lodges, by deputations or otherwise, for the purpose of getting the members of the lodge to vote for a particular person at any election. We cannot interfere with one individual brother saying to another, "Bro. Jones has been proposed for this office, and Bro. Smith has been proposed; I prefer Jones, and I am going to vote for him." If that appeals to the brother to whom it is said, that brother will exercise his franchise in the way indicated, but I deprecate any arrangement whereby any number of brethren go to different subordinate lodges, one after the other, to ask the members of those lodges to vote for a particular candidate at the elections. I do hope there will not be much of that. (Hear, hear.) * * * * *

Another communication of interest that I received was a letter from Bro. Berry, I. S. O., Past Master of Trinity College Lodge, an antiquary of considerable position, one who has taken great interest in a great many matters of ancient date, and who, when he finds anything specially interesting in connection with Masonry, communicates it to me. Bro. Berry recently came across copies of the census returns of 1821 and 1841 referring to the Masonic Girls' School in Dublin. These returns are very interesting. In 1821 the Girls' School—you all know what an institution it is now at Ballsbridge—existed in a five-story house in Gloucester Place, off Mecklenburgh street, in Dublin. The inhabitants of the school consisted of the schoolmistress, one assistant, one servant, and twenty-two girls, whose ages varied from fifteen to seven. In 1841 the school had migrated from Gloucester Place to 6 Hamilton Row, and it appears to have rather gone down, for it consisted only of one teacher, one servant, and fifteen girls, whose ages ranged from fifteen to six and a half.

Four new lodges are reported, one of them at Jagersfontein. S. A. One lodge in New Zealand surrendered its charter in order to join the new Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Their finances are in a very satisfactory condition. The receipts of Grand Lodge during 1907 were better than 1906 by over £250.

The surplus received from the California Relief Fund was divided equally between what are styled the Three Masonic Jewels, the Girls' Home, the Boys' Home, and the Victoria Jubilee Annuity Fund.

There are 450 lodges, but the membership is not given.

There are 1,784 Masons in Dublin, and 4,294 in Belfast.

The Duke of Abercorn, K. C., G. M.

Lord Castletown, G. S.

KANSAS.

52nd Communication, Topeka, February 19, 1908.

Edward W. Wellington, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is far above the average. Bro. Wellington is a man of ability and full of zeal for the best interests of the Craft.

The year has been a prosperous one, their annual returns for the twelve months ending December, 1907, showing a membership of 30,468, a gain of 1,704.

One of the Grand Master's visits must have been especially interesting:

On April 19th, 1907, your Grand Master, accompanied by W. Bro. Thomas B. Hiskey, District Deputy Grand Master, was officially received by St. Thomas Lodge, No. 306, at Colby, Kansas, and witnessed the conferring of the third degree upon George Milton Beaver, whose father acted as Master, and his three brothers filling the stations as Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Senior Deacon. The father, William M. Beaver, was the first Master of this lodge, and for fifteen successive years presided over three different lodges under three different grand jurisdictions. He was raised in Model Lodge, No. 315, St. Charles, Iowa, by W. Bro. William H. Hollenshead, who was present at Colby, occupying a seat in the East. Moreover, the three brothers who filled the stations as the Wardens and Senior Deacon were all raised in St. Thomas Lodge, No. 306, and the three Masters who raised them were all present. One of the brothers, Reuben Finlay Beaver, was Master of the Lodge in 1902. Among the visitors were representatives of fourteen other jurisdictions. The work was impressively done, and the event closed with an elaborate banquet.

The Grand Master thinks they have the best managed Home in the United States. The attendance at present is 77, an increase over last year of thirteen. Average cost per week per capita, \$2.71. The Superintendent and Matron are greatly beloved by all the inmates.

The District Deputy Grand Master system has now had a fair trial and has proved an unqualified success. They have 52 of these officers, and the Grand Master compliments them on their work.

On commercialism in Masonry and the craze for degrees Bro. Wellington strikes the true note, and his remarks on these subjects are well worthy of preservation :

Methods displayed in Masonry of late warrant the consideration of how far prevailing commercial and social methods have found expression in lodge life, and how far these methods are in consonance with the spirit of true Masonry, and how far they may be pursued without detriment to a great and powerful organization that has been recognized by the world at large as standing for a high type of manhood, and the calm, dignified propagation of the principles of our art. We seem to be approaching a danger line, and should pause to reflect.

We have here to do with that form of Masonry alone which always has been and always will be the only universal Masonry known to the world. We are concerned with the preservation of the unblemished reputation of the institution and the inculcation of these lessons which make good men better and guard them from those errors and indiscretions which might cause them to suffer in the eyes of God or man. We may not hope to find any rites or ceremonies, no matter how beautiful in action, how attractive in surroundings and accessories, how bewildering to the layman in titles, how multitudinous in degrees, by plunging into which we may acquire any imperishable mental or moral qualities or the privilege of claiming the possession of Masonic philosophy which is not open to the Entered Apprentice. He will find it an ignis fatuus who pursues Masonic, business, social, or moral greatness, through seeking titles or purchasing the highest available number of degrees. All these associations are pleasurable and should receive the support and patronage of Masons, but when agents solicit as men sell merchandise, when gifts are bestowed like premiums, when medals, exemption from dues and other considerations are held up like prizes as an inducement for obtaining petitions, then the operation of zeal has gone beyond the bounds of prudence and Masonry is vulgarized.

Can we, in good conscience, permit a candidate to affirm that he has not been unduly influenced by friends ; that no unworthy or mercenary motive prompts him to seek admission, when inducements are held out and promises made that he will be made a Mason in short time, that he may join others in a rapid transit system to presumed Masonic knowledge or greatness ? What symbolism is taught by such methods ? Do we not harm every form and branch of Masonry ?

To a certain extent these conditions exist. There is a tendency to enlarge them. Our duty, then, is plain.

Let us seek to abridge no law which safeguards the entrance of a man into the lodge. Let the scrutiny of mental

and moral fitness be complete and the absence of personal dislike be total. Let the ceremonies be decorous and without abbreviation. Let the candidate be required to exhibit unquestioned proficiency before being advanced. Let him be taught that the lodge—Symbolic Masonry—is the only form of Masonry on which the sun never sets; that the authority of the lodge over Symbolic Masonry is supreme and always has been; that no form of Masonic philosophy is known whose root and essence is not found in the lodge; that the other associations of Masonry are all worthy of patronage and support; that none can leap at a bound into moral, mental, social or Masonic greatness, but, even as it is the patience, skill and toil of the sculptor, not the block of marble, no matter how fine, how great, that produces the statue, so it is patient skill and the ceaseless application of the working tools of our mystic craft that makes the Mason. Thus it is that lodges are erected to God and dedicated to the Holy Saints John.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The following was adopted as a standing regulation:

Corner Stones.—Hereafter it shall be unlawful for the Masonic fraternity to lay any corner stone which shall not have carved on one of its exposed sides the year of Masonry, the name of the M. W. Grand Lodge, and the distinguishing symbols of the Craft.

An excellent report on Correspondence is presented by Bro. Matthew M. Miller, and we quote his opening remarks:

In submitting our sixth review of the Proceedings and Correspondences of the Masonic Grand Lodges of the world, we feel that the Craft is justified in a feeling of self-congratulation over the almost perfect harmony existing between its grand jurisdictions. We say, almost, the Queensland matter is not adjusted, but has reached the stage of fraternal consideration. Many of our Grand Lodges this year, out of one consideration or another—some out of deference to the hope that the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland would speedily and voluntarily make good that reputation for fairness for which they have always been credited, were reluctant, and some believing in a majority rule regardless of conditions declined to extend recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland. Since then a number of these Grand Lodges have extended recognition, realizing that further refusal was tantamount to a denial of the generally conceded principle upon which Grand Lodge organization has its foundation.

It is a source of regret to some who trace their genealogy on one side or the other directly to England, that the old rallying cry that always brought assistance to the weaker party, "Fair play and old England forever," seems to be no longer their heritage, and the regret is all the keener that it fails to be a true slogan among those whose claim of brotherhood entitles them of right to protection and defense from anything that even savors of injustice or oppression. With it, how-

ever, comes a gleam of consolation. The fight once ended, it is the English rule to shake hands, banish resentment, adapt themselves to the arbitrament involved in the changed conditions, and be as fully generous and hearty in the acceptance of the accomplished fact as they were in the bestowal of the blows and buffets which preceded it.

Henry F. Mason (Garden City), G. M.

Albert K. Wilson (Topeka), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

107th Communication, Louisville, October 15, 1907.

Samuel Keene Veach, G. M.

Bro. Veach is much gratified at the response to his appeal for funds in aid of the Old Masons Home.

This, together with other efforts, including that made on this floor at last Grand Lodge, has been very fruitful; and the Board has now on hand, in the hands of the officers of the Board, for all purposes, \$21,000.

We also quote part of his remarks on the Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Too much can not be said in commendation of the different Masonic bodies of this city for the beautiful and material expressions of their love in improvements of the dormitories and infirmary wards at our Home. I happened to be visiting one of the city lodges when the committee which had in charge the improving of one of the girl's wards was ready to report. To me it is one of the sweetest reflections of the year to contemplate the unfeigned piety, love and tender solicitude which was there manifested. Such deeds of pure beneficence will not go unrewarded by Him who rewards us according to our merit.

Twenty-two new lodges were constituted.

A constitutional amendment regarding candidates engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors was adopted, as follows:

It shall be unlawful for a Kentucky lodge to receive or accept into its membership one who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors as a beverage, except where such manufacture or sale is for medicinal purposes. Any and all lodges guilty of violating this provision shall be dealt with.

In order to secure greater uniformity in the work a committee of seven was appointed to submit a ritual at the next Grand Lodge.

An amended Constitution was presented and action thereon deferred to the next meeting.

In his review for Idaho for 1906 Bro. W. W. Clarke has the following:

Quoting Grand Master Rhea's beautiful periods, commencing "Time has not past, neither has it any future; but only an eternal everlasting present," he says:

That sounds good. But we have been brought up to recognize yesterday, to-day and to-morrow in country time so that we can hardly accommodate ourselves to this new idea. Even the Grand Master contradicts himself before he reaches the close of the above paragraph.

Incidentally we may remark that if Kentucky's brilliant Grand Master is right, and that fact has been recognized by the pedagogues of something more than a quarter of a century ago, we might have been spared some hard work, and hard licks too, in learning the conjugation of the verb "to love." Ah me! Surely, he is mistaken. We know we have rung all the changes on this little word, past and future; indicatively, subjunctively, potentially, imperatively and infinitely; at least, we thought so in those young days. Our fond mother used to laugh at us at times, and sometimes tease us too, telling us that it was not dangerous and we would get over it in time; but love in the "past tense" was a very real thing to us then, and when it reached that stage there didn't seem to us to be any future in anything.

We expect Bro. Knepper knows how it was, and the rest of you wise ones too, who sit around the table and tell Grand Lodges of the mistakes they have made.

Canada for 1906 has fraternal mention.

Henry P. Barrett (Henderson), G. M.

H. B. Grant (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

96th Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 3, 1908.

Lee E. Thomas, G. M.

The following paragraph from the address of the Grand Master gives a good idea of the flourishing condition of the Craft in Louisiana.

It is a source of great gratification and pleasure that I am able to report that our beloved Order has enjoyed a year of unalloyed prosperity hitherto unknown in the annals of Masonry in Louisiana.

It has been my privilege to issue dispensations to form eleven new lodges since our last annual communication.

All the lodges have been organized and have done a splendid year's work and will ask for charters at this session, which will doubtless be granted. A list of the names and the location of the new lodges will be found in the report of our worthy Grand Secretary. We now have 196 active lodges in the State, of which 22 are located in New Orleans and 174 in the various towns and cities throughout the commonwealth.

This is the largest number we have ever had in active existence. I desire also to congratulate the Craft, not only on the increase of lodges, but the splendid numerical strength in the membership of the Order. Our numbers to-day aggregate 11,761. This is a net increase of 1,177 members during the past year, which is a banner showing for good work accomplished.

One of the decisions of the Grand Master was to the effect that a dimitted Mason, whose dimit was over a year old, could only be tried for a Masonic offence by the Grand Lodge, but the Committee on Jurisprudence did not agree with this ruling. With us residence confers jurisdiction, and a lodge here can try and discipline any Mason living within its territorial limits whether he be affiliated or not.

The Louisiana Relief Lodge continues its splendid work, some idea of which may be gathered from the following extract:

Byreason of our now extended influence we have been in a position, during the year, to render efficient and valuable service to a number of worthy widows of brethren of other jurisdictions. These, I am safe in saying, would have never been able to have conducted their affairs to a successful issue without our aid. In straightening out these tangles and matters of adjustment, and in obtaining redress where wrong had been done and imposition practiced, I have always had at my call and command a number of brethren of the legal fraternity, who are always ready to act for a figure, in the main, involving only the cost of action, and I am happy to say that it has always been our good fortune to bring such matters to a termination that has invariably proven satisfactory to the beneficiary.

Bearing on this paragraph we cite one instance:

That of the widow of a brother, a member of one of the Pacific coast states. This brother had met death in an adjoining State under conditions which would have admitted of the theory of either murder or suicide, leaving his widow in possession of a policy of insurance in one of the larger fraternal orders and some funds in bank, upon which she was not able to realize until legal proceedings were opened. In this case, with the help of an enthusiastic member of the fraternity, a lawyer, we were able to place her in full possession of her rights under that policy, even though the death had occurred three or four months before she had appealed to us for assistance and after she had exhausted every means at her command to achieve the same result. And it was only by considerable correspondence in the part of our Secretary, with the assistance and advice of the brother mentioned, that we were able to bring matters to a focus. The widow, in the meanwhile, had competent advice, on which she felt that she

could absolutely rely regarding the arrangement of her property and other financial interests, and we have the pleasure of knowing that we have her undying gratitude.

The Grand Orator delivered an eloquent address, tracing the builders from Solomon's Temple through Egypt, Greece, Italy and Gaul to their final achievement at St. Paul's Cathedral, and then says:

Beautiful, stately St. Paul's! For 200 years it has seen the generations come and go; has seen empires and political systems rise and fall; and if the proud boast of the master architect and builder, whose mighty intellect conceived and completed it in a lifetime, prove a prophecy, there it will stand in its solemn magnificence until time is lost in eternity, the one comparable monument of the operative art.

Thus from the Temple of Solomon to the Cathedral of St. Paul's, from the culmination of the Jewish civilization to the crowning glory of the Christian enlightenment, has our Craft, with lettered monuments and tablets; with towering shaft and pyramid; with stately temples and cathedral, marked and made clear the way up which all the people of the earth must come in God's appointed time.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

It was decided to affiliate with the Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1906 Bro. H. C. Duncan has the following remark on Grand Master Burritt's proclamation on the cancellation of the Charter of Royal Solomon Lodge in Palestine:

The Grand Master of Canada has issued a proclamation declaring the members of Royal Solomon Lodge to be unaffiliated brethren. This, we take it, is not sufficiently drastic. In our opinion he ought to have declared all men made in the lodge since the arrest of its charter to be clandestine, and every act of the lodge null and without effect.

J. C. Drew (New Orleans), G. M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

88th Communication, May 7, 1907.

Charles F. Johnson, G. M.

The Grand Lecturer held five Lodges of Instruction. In closing his remarks he says:

At all meetings the ritual was very thoroughly studied, and eagerness to obtain exact knowledge was manifested. The "schools" were conducted on the plan which I have followed for many years—allowing abundant time for questions and answers as to what the ritual is, and why, but none for discussion as to what it ought to be.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Albro E. Chase, who reviews our Proceedings for 1906.

Charles F. Johnson (Waterville), G. M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA.

32nd Communication, Winnipeg, June 12, 1907.

John McKechnie, G. M.

On the 9th of August, 1906, the Grand Master journeyed to Regina and installed the officers of the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, the second Grand Lodge of which they can claim the parentage, and he hopes it will be the last.

During the year they had a very distinguished visitor:

W. Bro. Sidney T. Klein, Worshipful Master of Quatour Coronati Lodge, No. 2,076, London, by invitation gave a very able and instructive lecture on the Great Symbol, which was highly appreciated by the large gathering of Masons assembled in the Masonic Temple. Bro. Klein is an earnest student of Masonry, and I hope his coming among us may be the means of a number of our brethren becoming corresponding members of that lodge, the object of which is Masonic research.

The lodges at Dawson and Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory petitioned to be allowed to join the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and their request was granted unanimously.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Porto Rico and Valle de Mexico. Queensland was deferred.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge desires to express its regret that the lodges forming the Grand Lodge of Alberta, the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and the two lodges of the Yukon, have severed their long and pleasant connection with us, and while recognizing that the march of events has rendered this step inevitable, yet it is with sorrow that as a Grand Lodge we part with so many old and valued friends. We trust that, notwithstanding this severance, the friendships and good will which has so long existed may continue unabated and that every prosperity may attend their future labors.

Lodges, 61; members, 3,871.

James Scroggie (Winnipeg), G. M.

James A. Ovas (Winnipeg), G. S.

MARYLAND.

At the semi-annual communication held in Baltimore on the 14th of May, the following incident occurred:

Bro. James T. Dennis, P. M. of Manokin Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., Assistant Field Director of Excavations, presented the Grand Lodge with a Mason's maul, a sample of an ancient working tool of the Craft in long ago ages. In presenting it, Bro. Dennis said:

That it had been perhaps fifteen years since he last had the pleasure of attending a session of the Grand Lodge, that he missed many old familiar faces, gone no doubt to receive wages, refreshments and rest in the presence of our Supreme Grand Master; that among the faces recognized by him many knew that for several years past his work had taken him to Egypt, where he had been engaged in conducting a series of excavations.

That for the past two years his work had been in the neighborhood of Luxor, four hundred and fifty miles south of Cairo, on the site of the ancient city of Thebes. Here he and his co-workers had been engaged in cleaning the site of a temple, the oldest dated temple yet found in Egypt, built by Mentuhotep III. Ra-Neb-Hapel, of the XI. dynasty, between 2,700 B. C. and 2,800 B. C.

In the progress of the work they came across several specimens of masons mallets, which were used by the old builders of over forty-five hundred years ago in the construction and decoration of the Temple.

Unfortunately they were all imperfect, same being mere fragments; it was evident that when a workman broke his mallet he cast aside the broken bits and selected another. Being distinctively of a Masonic character, operative even if not speculative, it occurred to him that perhaps the Grand Lodge of Maryland might like to have a specimen for its cabinet, and as the soil of Egypt has preserved them for nearly five thousand years, he thought that he would try the experiment of seeing whether this honorable body of Masons could do equally as well, though he expressed his belief that he would not live to see it.

He then presented the maul to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Maryland as a sample of an ancient working tool of the Craft in long ago ages.

The M. W. Grand Master accepted the maul on behalf of the Grand Lodge and entrusted it for safe keeping to Bro. P. G. M. John M. Carter, as President of the Masonic Veteran Association of Maryland, saying that he knew of no body of men more likely to live long enough to carry out Bro. Dennis' wishes, and that Bro. Carter would be held responsible for its preservation.

The Committee previously appointed to consider the advisability of erecting a Home for Aged, Infirm and Indigent Masons reported that after correspondence with all the Grand Lodges of the United States and carefully

considering their reports, recommend that no action should be taken.

The 121st Communication was held in Baltimore, November 19th, 1907.

Thomas J. Shyrock, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is not given in the Proceedings, but we find a report from the Committee to whom the address was referred, containing the following recommendations, which were adopted:

That we approve the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master concerning the indiscriminate erection of buildings by our subordinate lodges, which lodges are unable financially to pay for the same. And we recommend that a committee to consider this subject be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to report at the next semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge and that in the meantime no lodge of Masons, nor any Masons, be permitted to erect any building for Masonic purposes or using the name Masonic without first obtaining the permission of the M. W. Grand Master.

That to prevent the continuance of the practice by non-resident lodges, requesting subordinate lodges to confer, as a matter of courtesy, the degrees of Masonry on candidates from other jurisdictions, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved: That no subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction be permitted to confer the degrees of Masonry on any candidate from a sister jurisdiction by courtesy, unless the candidate shall have received at least the Entered Apprentice degree in the lodge making the request, to a subordinate lodge.

Your Committee approves the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, that a committee be appointed to report at our next semi-annual communication upon the advisability of continuing the practice of the lodges of Baltimore city of printing on their notices the names of the candidates to be acted upon, as also the names of the committee to which the application is referred.

Bro. Edward T. Schultz presented his 21st report on Correspondence, which is excellent, as usual. Our proceedings for 1906 are reviewed, with several extracts from Grand Master Burritt's address.

Thomas J. Shyrock (Baltimore), G. M.

William M. Isaac (Baltimore), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At a Quarterly Communication held on March 13th the Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

At the June Quarterly Communication, on a letter from their D. D. G. M. in Chile, the sum of \$500 (equiva-

lent to \$2,000 in Chile) was voted to that jurisdiction, and proved of great service in the case. This was granted for the relief of their distressed brethren who had suffered by a recent earthquake.

A committee of fifteen was appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a Masonic Home.

The American Philosophical Society presented a bronze medal to the Grand Lodge, one of a number struck to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin.

The Lodge of St. Andrew also presented the Grand Lodge with a bronze medal struck to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the granting of its charter by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

At a Quarterly Communication held in September the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

A most interesting address was given by Bro. Charles T. Gallagher on his visit to England and France, from which we make the following extracts:

R. W. Bro. Lawrence and myself were invited, as Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of England on the fifth of June, 1907. It was a regular communication, there being present besides ourselves, by invitation, six other Present or Past Grand Masters, two from Australia, one each from New Zealand, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario. About six hundred brethren were present, the Earl of Amhurst, Pro. Grand Master, presiding; of this, as of the other Masonic Grand Bodies, the King is patron, and the Duke of Connaught is Grand Master. The proceedings were conducted with great dignity and decorum, but marked with a despatch of business that was effective. Here the great sword of Gustavus Adolphus, procured from Venice by the Duke of Norfolk when Grand Master, was borne majestically before the Grand Officers on entering, and was placed on the altar with the Holy Bible. This sword we had the pleasure of seeing and handling a few days before in the library, through the courtesy of Bro. Sadler, who is sub-librarian and Grand Tyler, his devotion being special toward R. W. Bro. Lawrence, from a common interest in Masonic libraries and literature. Here Bro. Lawrence revelled, for the library is very complete and its museum of relics and antiquities is maintained in excellent order and condition under the department presided over by Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

The hall of the Grand Lodge is large and imposing, the decorations being substantial and not gaudy. The officers of the Grand Lodge sat on either side to the rear of the Grand Master, while behind him, filling the whole wall space, is a colossal picture of her late Majesty the Queen. The walls on either side of the hall for its entire extent are decorated with

full length portraits, larger than life size, of the various Grand Masters, all of them being titled noblemen, and they are represented in their official robes, all done in color, making a series of strong and substantial decorations. The hall seats about seven hundred, but the number entitled to admission as members is a great many more. On this day the hall was crowded, the seats of the brethren filling the floor so that the aisle from the chair to the door was hardly wide enough for two people to walk abreast—in fact, I recall lapping over with R. W. Bro. Lawrence as we preceded the Grand Officers into the Grand Lodge after we had been formally received by the Earl of Amburst as Grand Master in his room.

A pleasing feature was the Masonic spirit shown by the Board of General Purposes, a board of government that practically conducts the business of the Grand Lodge between regular communications; the Board had recommended legislation that led to an interesting discussion, and the vote was so close as to require a division of the house, the members filing to the right and left of the Grand Master according as they voted Yes or No, the count being made by tellers, and though the result (224 to 223) was one in favor of the measure, the Board generously withdrew the proposition as such a large number of the minority opposed it.

In all Masonic gatherings the thing that most impressed me was the high character and standing of the officers and the informal yet dignified manner in which the proceedings were conducted, all being accompanied by that evidence of strength that characterizes an established institution. The session of the Grand Lodge was from four o'clock in the afternoon until eight in the evening, and the matters to be considered appeared on a bulletin of the business to be transacted covering nine pages of printed matter. * * *

Stopping in Paris on our return, we called on the Secretary of the Grand Lodge and also had correspondence with various parties in relation to the matter. The Grand Lodge claims to have ninety lodges under its jurisdiction, twenty-seven of which are in Paris and twenty in the building of the Supreme Council, 42 Rue Rochecouarts, the building of the Grand Orient being at 16 Rue Cadet, and the two having no connection with each other.

The Secretary showed us their literature containing the initials of the words in French, "To the glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe," the same being printed in Latin at the top of their diplomas and the words in French being found in the ritual of the obligation in the second degree, which we saw, this being the longest and principal degree with them.

The Secretary was told that there would be little use to ask recognition by the Grand Lodges of the English-speaking world without the restoration of the name of God to their ritual, and the Bible being restored to the altar. As to the first, he referred to what I have stated and produced the ritual to be read. As to the second, he said that the Bible never had been on the altar and was not used prior to 1877, when the Grand Orient was recognized by the English-speaking Masonic world, and that as a rule in all Latin countries the Grand Constitutions

was the book used on the altar, and we found this to be true in the bodies of the Supreme Council.

These people claim that the Grand Orient is simply a political body, while their Grand Lodge claims to be free from politics, religion and anything but Masonry. Copies of their Constitution, their annual proceedings, with their diploma and letter-heads will be placed in the library.

One of the lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is called Anglo-Saxon, and is composed of English-speaking Masons, the Master of which is an English pastor. The annual report of the Grand Lodge shows that they are in official relations with various Masonic poweers, none of which, however, are English-speaking, all of them being located among the Latin, Latin-American or German dependencies.

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In London I made further inquiry in the matter, anticipating they would have some knowledge of it, and since my return a letter has been received from Bro. John Strachan, who is Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of England, holding similar positions with other Grand Bodies. He says that this Grand Lodge of France has applied to the Grand Master of England for recognition, which has been refused, giving the reasons.

174th Communication, Boston, December 27, 1907.

John Albert Blake, G. M.

On one of his visits the Grand Master says:

This was a memorable occasion. It was a celebration commemorative of the ninetieth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Eliphalet Wright, who occupied the chair of the Worshipful Master on that evening for two hours, and finished by raising two candidates to the third degree. His memory never lapsed and his impressiveness in rendering the ritual was quite unusual. He was indeed a "Grand old man."

On their membership he says:

During the past Masonic year the number of rejections is 747. I realize the necessity of a rigid scrutiny of all applications, but the larger percentage of rejections, being nearly twenty per cent. of the total number of applications, proves one of two things—either sufficient care is not taken in the recommendation of applicants and the reception of petitions, or worthy applicants have been rejected for other than Masonic reasons. Either result is deplorable, and I sincerely hope that during the coming year the brethren will exercise the greatest care in the recommendation of candidates for the degrees.

In 1906 we suspended, discharged and dimitted 691 members. These figures are impressive, for in two years we have lost from these sources 1,360 members. The dimitted members joining elsewhere are few in number.

John Elbert Blake (Malden), G. M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

63rd Communication, Bay City, May 28, 1907.

Charles E. Sweet, Acting G. M.

We notice with deep regret the decease of their Grand Master, Bro. Charles E. Stevens, before the completion of his term of office. Bro. Stevens will be remembered as a visitor to our Grand Lodge at Hamilton in 1905. He was greatly esteemed as a man of ripe judgment and jealous for the interests of the Craft.

Their Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Erastus E. Stone, was also called away just one week previously.

The address of the Grand Master covers his official acts and reviews those of the late Grand Master Bro. C. L. Stevens.

On the occasion of the dedication of a lodge at Lake Linden three elegant brass candlesticks were lent by the Catholics of that town.

Three new lodges were opened.

Their Masonic Home has 51 inmates, and the average weekly per capita cost of maintenance was \$4.90. This is in excess of the previous year owing to the cost of supplies.

On the second day the following incident occurred:

At the request of the acting M. W. Grand Master, Past G. M. Wm. T. Mitchell was called to the East and the Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, addressed him, conveying the congratulations of Grand Lodge upon the celebration of his ninetieth birthday anniversary yesterday, and presented him with a beautiful tribute of flowers.

Past Grand Master Mitchell was equal to the occasion and responded in a manner that will never be forgotten by those present, and the event will ever be treasured as one of the happiest incidents in the history of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Lou B. Windsor visited Mexico and investigated the present condition of the Grand Lodge of the Valley of Mexico. He finds that they do now abide by, conform to, and uphold the ancient land marks, constitution and usages of the fraternity. He therefore recommends recognition, which was accordingly granted.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Lou B. Windsor, who briefly reviews Canada for 1906.

Charles E. Sweet (Dowagiac), G. M.

Lou B. Windsor (Reed City), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

55th Communication, St. Paul, January 22, 1908.

Gustaf Widell, G. M.

The Grand Master opened one new lodge.

Under the head of "Dispensations refused" we note, with approval, that permission for lodges to attend in a body, as a lodge, any public or divine service, or to appear in public in their regalia, except at funerals, was declined.

On the work of their District Deputies he says:

With reference to the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the results have not been as satisfactory as was expected. Some deputies have furnished excellent and complete reports, some have furnished partial reports, some have made no reports at all. It would be well for the districts in selecting their representatives to select those who can devote some time in the interest of the work. The office of D. D. G. M. is of great importance, and experience has shown that where an active District Deputy has looked after his work properly the interest in Masonic work and the standing of the lodges have been greatly benefited thereby.

The death of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Thomas Montgomery, removes from the list one of the oldest Grand Secretaries. Bro. Montgomery had served as Assistant Grand Secretary for twelve years, and as Grand Secretary for over seventeen. He died in harness, faithful to the last. He was prominent in the religious and municipal life of the city, and his executive ability was generally recognized. He was greatly esteemed and his loss will be deeply regretted by the Craft.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized. Action on the requests for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Alpina and the Grand Orient of Greece was indefinitely postponed.

Bro. Irving Todd reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings for 1907. In his review of Illinois we find the following:

The Committee on Correspondence submitted a special report on grand bodies accorded full recognition, those accorded qualified recognition, and those deemed to be without authority in Craft Masonry, a list too long for reproduction. As we view the situation recognition is largely sentimental, growing out of the custom of exchanging grand representatives, and is particularly a matter of courtesy. When the Masonry of a country passes from the mere degree peddlers into the control of a better element it commands the confidence and respect of the organized bodies of the Masonic world, either expressed or implied, which is neither added to or taken away by a mere

resolution. The Masonry of the Latin countries cannot rise above the average plane of the people, and will be no more stable or enduring than their other institutions, religious or political. They are fickle, changeable, because the people themselves are thus constituted. The Grand Orient or Supreme Council appeals more strongly to their love of titles and decorations than the Grand Lodge, and perforce becomes the dominant governing power. Consequently we must accept Masonry as we find it, not as we would like to have it. In seaport towns, where visitors from all parts of the world are a daily occurrence, recognition has a practical value not possessed in Minnesota. Hence we do not fall over ourselves in the haste to extend it upon the slightest provocation. The grand bodies recently organized will undoubtedly flourish and prosper, if properly handled, whether we extend formal recognition or withhold it.

On the rights of Past Masters we quote the following:

With us a Past Master has the right to a seat in the East upon invitation, to a place of honor in processions, to be present when the so-called Past Masters degree is conferred upon a Master-elect, and to open and preside over his lodge in the absence of the Master and Wardens. These privileges may or may not be inherent, but they certainly are not enjoyed by any other member.

William P. Roberts (Minneapolis), G. M.

John Fishel (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

90th Communication, City of Hattiesburg, February 11th, 1908.

Henry Clay Yawn, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is replete with interest.

Harmony and prosperity prevail, and from his opening remarks we quote the following:

Is there a Mason here who has not made some one's life sweeter and happier by some token of friendship, some act of sympathy or some word of encouragement during the year just past? If you have, you have not only carried out the teachings of our noble Order, but have added a stone to a monument that will stand while the paeans are run on the horologe of eternity.

Your opportunities for doing good are abundant. Your influence for good is what you make it. If a kindly deed is to be done, do it; if a friendly word is to be spoken, speak it; if a smile is to be given, give it. Place the flower in the hands of your brother while he can reward you with a grateful smile. Do not wait till his cold, pallid lips are unable to utter thanks. — Some one has said, "One flower in my life is worth more to me than all the products of all the gardens of

the world on my grave; one kind word in life is better than an oration over my tomb; on my funeral day you may overlook covering my grave with flowers if you will but give me one little bud to-day!"

Man's dependence upon man was felt in the very beginning of history. This was in obedience to the Divine plan of making man an instrument in the alleviation of human suffering. As the race increased in numbers they began to form in groups or communities. Attachments and sympathies were engendered among the individuals of these groups, which if less strong than the family ties were yet stronger than those that existed among strangers. As these communities grew larger and more extensive these attachments broadened. This tendency to universal brotherhood, however, was retarded more or less by creeds and dogmas. Hence, it was on the broad plan of the Fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man that our Craft was founded. The object of the system was benevolent, primarily to those within its folds, and secondarily to mankind at large.

The liberal and comprehensive teachings of the Order, taking, as it did, within its pale all who would subscribe to its code of morals without regard to sect or creed, aroused more or less opposition among those whose minds had been trained along the narrow channels of sectarianism and intolerance. So, in the early ages, until men's minds became more liberal and they grew more tolerant, Masonry suffered much opposition and persecution. The persecution rendered it necessary to inaugurate a system whereby its members could readily exercise and distinguish one another.

We must not lose sight of the fact, however, that Masonry in its beginning was operative, and that its efforts and purposes were largely intended to give material aid and protection to its votaries, and that its moral and benevolent teachings are the result of a gradual broadening of man's sense of duty to man, which we call speculative Masonry. Masonry does not propose to take the place of religion, but it may certainly be called the handmaid of religion, and as such has a work to do which should commend it to all.

It has not been my desire in this little dissertation on the teachings and purposes of Freemasonry to parade its virtues before the world, for it needs no encomiums from its votaries; my object has been to call the attention of you, my brethren, to the merits and value of our honorable institution, and to awaken within you a greater sense of appreciation of it, as well as a greater sense of your responsibilities and privileges.

Their Masonic Home has been erected during the past year at Meridian at a cost of \$34,000.00, and the Grand Master has made earnest appeals to the brethren for funds to furnish and complete the same.

Seven new lodges were opened.

It was decided to continue the 25 cents per capita tax in aid of the Endowment Fund, and to impose a new levy of 50 cents per capita for the maintenance of the Home.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Brother Harry T. Howard again presents the report on Correspondence, which is a very excellent and readable paper. He gives our Proceedings of 1907 a good notice, with complimentary remarks on our system of District Deputies and their splendid work.

In the review of Georgia we find the following, which might be taken to heart by some other jurisdictions:

When we read the Grand Master's address and see how, year after year, he holds the position of Grand Master, we wonder whether it is by his goodness or his political power. And as for dispensations granted, it makes one wonder whether there is any Masonry left in Georgia, or whether any of the lodges hold regular communications as long as they have such a Grand Master. Page after page devoted to conferring and balloting out of time, eight Fellow Crafts made Master Masons in a bunch out of regular time; ten Fellow Crafts in a bunch rushed through in irregular order; Entered Apprentice after Entered Apprentice rushed through the next two degrees in one night out of regular time; Fellow Crafts made Masters without any examination whatever; eighty Fellow Crafts made Master Masons at any odd time in bunches or in singles. The only thing that he asked was that applications be signed in person and not by proxy. Then he calmly states that Masonry has nothing in common with a circus, and cannot receive a part of the proceeds of the same, as it tends to lower the dignity of the institution, apparently oblivious of the fact that, owing to his abuse of the dispensing power, there has been a circus going on in the lodges all the year.

In his remarks on the address of the Grand Master of Kansas he has the following:

We hope the old ideals are vanishing, and men are awakening to the fact that God still rules His world as a beneficent Father, and that Jesus was a teacher who, as He himself is supposed to have said, was here about His Father's business. We hope the time is fast approaching when the first great law may become as Jesus taught it, "To love God with all our hearts," and "To love our neighbor as thyself," and in so doing to reach up to God through an unselfish life. The terrors of hell no longer torment as they did our forefathers. Years ago when the Pope dominated the world of science and literature everything revolved about the supernatural. All ills were visitations of a vengeful God, whose altars were neglected. We were born in sin, we lived in sin, and died in sin, and had to pay a priest to get us up to heaven after death. Our church was the only church, all others were the inventions of the devil. Now, the dawn appears! By the help of science, geology, astronomy and modern medicine, the priest sits once more in the neglected temple with his plan of redemption, his miracles, his devil, and his Mosaic account of creation—hurling his anathemas at men who walk laughingly

by, no longer afraid of his idle ravings, but happy in their free love of the Infinite God that lives in their neighbors, their children, their wives, themselves, and knowing that underneath all are the "Everlasting Arms."

That Masonry still grows rapidly.

From his conclusion we quote:

Here are some figures: largest grand membership in the world, New York, 139,203; greatest membership (American), subordinate lodge, Genesee Falls, N. Y., No. 507, viz., 1,248.

The grand total for Canada and the United States is reported to be 1,187,568 Master Masons.

And now, my brethren, in my two years' work as your correspondent, I have found that to make a Mason love Masonry more, let him sit with the men who are the broadest-minded in the different jurisdictions—the men of the Round Table.

Edwin J. Martin (Meridian), G. M.

Frederic Speed (Vicksburg), G. S.

MISSOURI.

87th Communication, St. Louis, September 24, 1907.

David M. Wilson, G. M.

The Grand Master delivered a very excellent address. Of their prosperous condition he has the following to say:

How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Such is our happy condition. Nothing has taken place to check the onward advance of the fraternity. I have not been called upon to arrest the charter of a single lodge. Harmony, unanimity and concorn prevail among the brethren. The discordant note is noted only for its absence. The greatest of good will abounds, and our material prosperity is reflected in the prosperity and growth of the brotherhood, apparent in every hand, and in every portion of the State. It is not imaginary, but real. Of course, amidst the voluminous correspondence of the Grand Master's office, great and constantly increasing complaints are received now and then, but they are few in number, in most cases chimerical and unfounded, and as a whole, trivial, the trouble generally being with the objector. In fact, they but add their cumulative mite to the great mass of evidence, testifying to the forward and upward march of the fraternity in grand old Missouri.

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But while it is very gratifying, and a very pleasant duty to report this material and numerical growth and prosperity, it affords me a far greater pleasure to state that there is a most commendable effort among our lodges and the brotherhood to carry into actual practice the great moral lesson Masonry teaches. It is not at all as sounding brass, or as tinkling cymbals, but thousands of Masons in Missouri lodges are conscientiously and earnestly trying to live up to their solemn obligations. It gives me great pride and pleasure to be able to make this statement, and to know that it is true.

Following their splendid record of last year, all their 584 lodges made their returns and paid their Grand Lodge dues, another proof of the efficiency of the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lecturer held 32 Lodges of Instruction, at which the total attendance was over 3,000.

Their two Grand Orators both gave very fluent addresses, which were listened to with rapt attention.

Our proceedings for 1906 are presented in the report on Correspondence by Bro. R. E. Anderson.

John T. Short (Jefferson City), G. M.

John R. Parson (St. Louis), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

50th Communication, Omaha, June 4th, 1907.

Zuingle M. Baird, G. M.

On the condition of the Craft the Grand Master has the following:

The general condition of Masonry throughout the State is all that could be desired, with perhaps a slight disposition on the part of some lodges to consider quantity as being more desirable than quality, and if I have one special message to transmit to the fraternity it is to see that no unworthy candidate is admitted within the sacred precincts of our lodges. The returns, as compiled by the committee, show an increase of membership over any previous year, 565. The Grand Treasurer's report presents the largest cash balance on hand ever reported to the Grand Lodge, and as we are nearing the days of our golden anniversary I bring the glad tidings that peace and harmony, generally speaking, will prevail throughout this grand jurisdiction.

On the subject of guarantee bonds the following excellent advice should be noticed by all interested in the matter:

I wish to call the attention of this grand body to our present law of furnishing bonds for our Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Orphans' Educational Fund. Shortly after I was installed into office the forms of the guaranty company bonds were submitted to me. I read them over carefully, and they not meeting with my approval, I submitted the forms to two competent attorneys, who had been judges on the bench, were Masons and Past Grand Masters, and they pronounced them, using their language, "Very much of a fake." After considerable correspondence and an extra effort on my part, assisted by several Grand Lodge officers, we succeeded, as we thought, in getting an improvement over the original ones. I approved them, at the same time feeling that they were not what they should be. Our law requires a

guaranty company bond, and this was the best that could be done. Similar bonds had been approved by my predecessors, and I did not wish to be the first to disapprove the form of guaranty bonds. In my opinion a form of bond should be prepared that would bond the company in case of loss and compel them to furnish this grand body what we pay for. Our courts lay down a form for these bond companies and they comply with the request, and I can see no good reason why they should not be required to furnish us a good form when we furnish a No. 1 risk and pay the fees.

The Jordan Medal is held, during his lifetime, by the oldest living member in the jurisdiction, and this year passed into the custody of Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes. This medal is in future to be made of gold.

Their Masonic Home during 1906 took care of 31 people, three only temporarily. The cost for each resident for a full year is about \$190.00.

This being their Semi-Centennial year, it was ordered that a special session of the Grand Lodge be convened at Omaha on September 23.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Chas. J. Phelps, and reviews our Proceedings for 1906.

Ornan J. King (Lincoln), G. M.

Francis E. White (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

43rd Communication. Reno, June 11, 1907.

Walter J. Harris, G. M.

The opening paragraph of the address of the Grand Master presents a beautiful picture of their flourishing condition:

We rejoice with our sister jurisdictions upon their heavy gains in membership and great good accomplished.

Our State is large in area and rich in agricultural and mineral resources.

Our mines are producing bounteously and we have ample occasion for joy and thanksgiving.

Nevada at the present time is indeed a State of opportunities, so to our brethren of the Mystic Tie, whithersoever dispersed, the hand of fraternal friendship is extended and we bid you welcome to come and abide with us.

This new and magnificent temple, rich in furnishings and adornments, and with the many attractions of this growing city of Reno, I sincerely trust will induce you all to tarry awhile, laying aside the cares of business, not only for a portion but the whole of this session, thus making yourselves happy and communicating happiness.

Let us return to our homes at the close of this session with

the consciousness of having done our duty as Masons and in having advanced some new idea whereby the enthusiasm of the Craft may be strengthened in diffusing Masonic light and in carrying out the noble principles of our beloved Order.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

The edict against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was withdrawn.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. A. L. Fitzgerald. Our proceedings for 1906 have apparently not been received.

Robert Lewers (Reno), G. M.

C. N. Noteware (Carson City), G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

39th Communication, St. John, August 28th, 1906.

Edwin J. Everett, G. M.

Harmony prevails, the lodges are in a prosperous condition, and the Grand Lodge for the first time for many years is free from debt.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

40th Communication, St. John, August 27th, 1907.

Edwin J. Everett, G. M.

The Grand Master gives full details of his official acts. He made a number of visitations to lodges and was cordially received. He reports the best of feeling prevailing and the brethren active and hopeful.

He recovered two ancient Masonic documents, which were placed in the custody of Grand Secretary. One of these is a warrant granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in 1789, for a lodge at Maugerville, N.B. The other document is a roll of the members of the same lodge for the year 1828. This lodge, St. George Lodge, is the third Masonic lodge erected in New Brunswick.

The new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The following resolution was very generally debated, and on being put to Grand Lodge was declared lost:

That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that no one should be a member of a Chapter or Encampment who is not a member in good standing in a blue lodge, and that this Grand Lodge memorialize the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick and the Great Priory of Canada to have such a regulation carried into effect in their respective bodies.

A revised funeral service was adopted.

The Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico was recognized.

Further time was granted with regard to the Grand Lodges of Guatemala and Chile, and the Grand Orient of Paraguay.

John S. D. Chipman (St. Stephen), G. M.

J. Twining Hartt (St. John), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

118th Communication, Concord, May 15th, 1907.

William Alberto Plummer, G. M.

The year has been one of normal growth and development, and the Craft is in a sound and healthy condition.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

The business transacted was of a purely local interest.

We regret very much to notice the death of Bro. A. S. Wait, who was for many years Chairman of Correspondence. Bro. Wait was one of the brightest Craftsmen in the fraternity and his reports were always a pleasure to the reader.

The report this year is by Bro. H. M. Cheney.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1906 he says of Grand Master Burritt's address that "the entire address is admirable and tells a story of which our brethren across the line may be justly proud."

In his review on Kansas and on the duties of a Grand Master, he says:

Bless your dear soul, good brother. New Hampshire does not pay all the expenses of her Grand Master, even for the occasion of constitution of a new lodge, or other purposes. He does not get a cent, much less a dollar, for a salary. But if he failed to attend the services of constitution, unless presenting a physician's certificate of inability to do so, or something equally as good, he would hear from it in homely but very plain fashion. Grand Masters in New Hampshire do the work expected of them without fee or reward. We have been through it, and that is why "acting" and "as" make us of New Hampshire "tired," as we read so much of it elsewhere.

William A. Plummer (Laconia), G. M.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G. S.

NEW MEXICO.

30th Communication, Carlsbad, October 21, 1907.

A. N. Pratt, G. M.

The Craft is in a flourishing condition.

Four new lodges were formed, and in the Grand Master's address we find the following tribute to our great Northwest:

A request from the Grand Master of Saskatchewan to exchange representatives. It was a pleasure to me to know that this Grand Lodge had been established. Few of us realize what a country we have north of us. Larger than our own, and in the past few years immigration has been immense and the resources of the country wonderful. I had been at Regina and knew much of the Province of Saskatchewan, and remember with much pleasure cordial and pleasant meetings with the Canadian brethren. I feel sure that the Grand Lodge established there will be wonderfully successful.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized, but action on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was postponed.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1907 Bro. James H. Wroth says:

A great part of this report is taken up with the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, whose careful work and interest in the Craft renders the Grand Master's duties much less onerous.

An unusual statement in this regard, as judged from the reports, is that all of the lodges have been visited and inspected except four. Quite a remarkable condition of affairs.

We copy his concluding remarks with the hope that Bro. Wroth has by this time recovered his pristine vigor and that his business cares have been lightened:

In brief resume of the year's work I feel that I have to ask the consideration of the Craft on account of illness and pressure of work, and in looking over the field it seems to me, in my small area of vision, that our American jurisdictions are afflicted with the desire to legislate upon anything and everything that might come along, forgetting that the immutable laws of Masonry, like those of the Medes and Persians, require no change and need no legislation. A little common sense and a recognition and study of the fundamental laws of Masonry would prevent very much of this, but unfortunately, like that august body that sits in Washington, something must be made to fit the individual case, forgetting that the strength of our institution depends upon adhering closely and rigidly to the old construction, even if some innocent parties suffer by the construction.

This craze for legislating on every topic under the sun has led many jurisdictions into anomalous positions from which we fear they can extricate themselves only with difficulty, and probably by taking a back track.

It is needless to call attention to the fact that Masonry has increased within the past year. There seems to have been an excessive enlargement of membership, but with this permit

me to call a note of warning—there is no Masonry except the three primeval degrees—all the rest is simply additional modifications or enlargements upon the ideas promulgated and expressed in Ancient Craft Masonry.

J. W. Wilson (Roswell), G. M.

A. A. Keen (Albuquerque), G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

120th Communication, Trenton, March 20, 1907.

Walter Chandler, G. M.

In the course of a very lengthy address the Grand Master gives full details of his official acts, visits and rulings. The year was one of great activity. Owing to their adherence to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, trouble arose with the Grand Lodge of New York, and Bro. Chandler was compelled to interdict the recognition of several rejected candidates of New Jersey who had been initiated in lodges in New York.

On this subject the following report was adopted:

On the question of perpetual jurisdiction over a rejected candidate for initiation, your committee can but reiterate their report upon the same, subject to the Annual Communication of 1905. They would, however, recommend, in view of the fact of the existing rule in this jurisdiction, enabling a member of the lodge, through unworthy motives, too prevent the reception of a worthy candidate into the Craft, that the fifth article, on page 62 of the Digest, 1903, be amended so as to read: "A three-fourths vote shall be required to give permission to another lodge to receive and act on the application for membership of a rejected candidate, and the vote shall be by ballot."

Their Masonic Home has 74 inmates. The cost of maintenance for the year was \$15,796.64, a net per capita of \$226.07.

Alberta and Tasmania were recognized.

Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1906.

Lodges, 181; members, 26,595; increase, 1,622.

Austen H. McGregor (Newark), G. M.

Thomas H. R. Redway (Trenton), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings for the year ending June, 1907.

Four quarterly meetings and two specials.

The total number of lodges in active work is 209, an increase of three.

Subscribing members number 11,788, an increase of 647 since our last annual report.

Grand Lodge Fund increased by £762 to £4,666.

Benevolent Fund increased by £1,102 to £13,084.

Freemasons' Orphan Society increased by £600 to £27,777.

Freemasons' Benevolent Institutions increased by £158 to £9,157.

The territory is divided into Metropolitan and 23 country districts, under inspectors, whose quarterly reports are embodied in the proceedings.

Quarterly Communication, December 12.

A resolution to rescind the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was defeated.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan were recognized.

In the review of Correspondence by the committee of five having charge of that duty, our Proceedings of 1906 are accorded three pages.

Sir Harry Rawson (Sydney), G. M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G. S.

NEW YORK.

126th Communication, New York, May 7th, 1907.

Townsend Scudder, G. M.

This magnificent jurisdiction is the largest in the world, having 775 lodges, with a membership of over 150,000, and the receipts by the Grand Secretary for the last year amounted to over \$180,000.00. In twenty years their numbers have doubled and their material wealth has increased in proportion.

The Grand Master found pleasure in performing his arduous and difficult duties. A wide range of important subjects are covered in his excellent address.

One of the most interesting subjects is the Home at Utica. We quote the following:

I feel greatly encouraged by the practical interest shown in our Home at Utica. Ever since the Home was opened to the reception of inmates it has been a source of solicitude to the fraternity and of ever-increasing interest. I fear, however, that, for effective management, we have not been at all times as discreet as we should have been. Our wards in the Home are drawn from two classes, the old people and the young. The old are gathered from those whose lives have met failure. In the discharge of our obligation to them, the

hospitable doors of the Home have been opened and they have been admitted freely and cheerfully. These wards are entitled to our sympathetic consideration, but the orderly administration of the Home requires a broader view of the frailties of human nature than we have taken in the past. It is not the part of wisdom to impress those committed to our care with the thought that they have but to make known their desires to have them gratified, and that nothing is too good for them. There is room for reason in all conditions. Our open heartedness led us to a condition of discontent bordering on insubordination which, but for the exercise of great patience and tact, might have led to disorganization and chaos. I am told that in the past it was no uncommon thing for inmates of the Home, when invited to perform light services, to refuse peremptorily on the ground that they did not come to the Home to work but to enjoy themselves, a frame of mind not surprising under the liberal interpretation of the kind things said to them when visited from time to time by those charged with the duties of administering the affairs of the Grand Lodge. Every man and woman is happier when occupied; many of our inmates are able to do little, but that little which each is able to do should be done willingly and kindly. Sitting around from the hour of rising to breakfast, awaiting the meal; from breakfast to luncheon, awaiting the meal; and from luncheon to dinner, awaiting the meal, killing time, breeds bad habits, discontent, and demoralization. We are now endeavoring to find work for the inmates of our Home within the physical and mental strength and ability of each. The efforts already have made their impress and a happier atmosphere is manifest. I believe that there should be established at the Home suitable small industries for the occupation of those whose services can be put to practical account. Light rug weaving, or kindred work, would afford opportunities for the exercise of individual taste and in my judgment be beneficial in maintaining the morale of the establishment.

Our Children.

I have pleasure in reporting a splendid accomplishment during the year along the lines of making practical the education we provide for our children. So quiet and gradual has been the growth of our Home that up to the last year the need of broader educational advantages for our little ones hardly made itself felt. We have now committed to our care between 60 and 70 boys and girls ranging from tender years up to 16 and over. These we are endeavoring to make into good citizens. Living in the Home, separated from those practical experiences within the reach of children reared by their parents, we have for years been turning out into the world our boys and girls in a state of ignorance of the practical duties of life. The child reared by its parents is called upon to discharge a thousand and one small duties about the home, and thus both boys and girls learn much of the relations and duties of the household and life. Not so with us. For our little ones we do everything, and they acquired no practical knowledge of domestic life. This defect in our system is being

remedied. A domestic science plant has been provided, the children are taught all household duties, the girls make their clothes and hats, carpenter outfits for our boys are teaching them to use their hands, and other innovations are planned. I hope soon to see inaugurated on our grounds a horticultural station, where our boys can be taught farm and garden science and be better prepared for practical manhood. We have not overlooked the youngsters' pleasures. Suitable ball grounds, tennis and croquet courts have been graded, and sport is recognized in the Home as a feature of our educational system.

I commend strongly the practice of sending our children of suitable age to the public schools of Utica. Undertaken first as an experiment, from the start the venture proved a success. Thrown into competition with their kind, our little ones blossomed out surprisingly and interest was added to their lives. The pale, listless faces we used to see have been metamorphosed into faces glowing with health and happiness. This one accomplishment compensates for all labors of the year. I second the suggestion of the trustees bearing upon the contact between the children and the aged and infirm. Childhood is the period of sunshine. We have no right to cloud this God-blessed period of their lives with the darkness of failure, misery, and death, and we can find no justification for so doing.

We have at Utica some sixty-five or seventy boys and girls. Most of them know neither father nor mother. They know no home other than that Utica home, and it has drifted—I find no fault with anyone—into an institutional atmosphere minus modern enlightenment. Our boys brought up in the country are almost as ignorant of the country and country life as the average boy taken from the east side of New York.

I doubt if there are proportionately as many boys in New York City who do not know the difference between a head of cabbage and a head of lettuce as there were in the Home at Utica. I doubt if half the boys in Utica knew that difference. They had not been taught. They were not taught to work in the garden. They were not permitted to work outdoors among plants and vegetables. They were kept away from, and outside, the useful and practical in our operations and undertakings. In the Home the cooking was done in the usual institutional way, the meals were served that way, their preparation and service was an unknown art to the little ones, and had they been sent to a butcher's and told to order something in the way of meat, they probably would have hesitated about ordering a leg of mutton, because ignorant whether mutton had legs or not. The picture is little, if any, overdrawn.

True, this Home question, this children question, is a new one for us, but because it is a very great problem, and because we are charged with the future of these sixty-five or seventy children to-day, perhaps more to-morrow, it is incumbent upon us to make men and women of them. They are the children of our fraternity, their lives must be the exponents of what our fraternity stands for. We cannot claim credit in large measure for the discharge of the duty owing these little ones.

I am ashamed to say that when I called for the record

showing what had become of those of our children since our Home was established who had been graduated from it, I found that no such record existed. We do not know to-day whither these children have gone. We do not know anything about them. We received them, little things ; we housed them, we gave them no practical education, a little book knowledge, and pretty tracts, and then, when they had reached the age of sixteen, we sent them out into the world. Possibly a place was found for them, in the first instance, but there the curtain falls. To the sorrow of our great fraternity it can be said that we, who have boasted so much of our practical work in Utica, to-day cannot tell the whereabouts of our boys and our girls, where they are, nor how they fare. I could add more, but why dwell on the past, for it is past. A change is made. To-day no boy or girl leaves that Home but that his or her movements are kept note of. Each is committed to the care of the lodge through which admission was obtained to the Home, that lodge is held responsible, the children are followed, and we are going to know just where each child is.

There are periods in the lives of all young people when they ask themselves the question, "Is this battle of life worth while?" When that question is put hereafter by any of ours, the home, its influence, atmosphere, and welcoming home doors, will all tend to prompt a joyful answer, "Yes." One of our boys, here a few months ago, I asked how the world was faring with him, and how he met its problems after his education at our Home in Utica. "Why," he said, "Mr. Scudder, it seemed very strange to have to come down here and provide for myself ; very strange and very hard ; I have no friends ; I don't know many people ; the lodge is very good and the men are visiting me, and I am invited to their houses. But," he added, and the tears came to his eyes, "I have crawled into my bed in my room a good many nights, tired out with my day's work, and I suppose it was not manly, but I have cried myself to sleep and wondered whether it was all worth the while."

Now, these are the children that we have to save, to inspire with courage when the clouds hang heavy over them, to brace up and start off a-fresh with new hope in their breasts, and then we want to have them back in the Home, periodically, when they can get a day's vacation, and when they come we want to welcome them as our dear parents welcomed us home in the old days. Such is the work we have before us, without going further into details, and there is a-plenty of it.

In 1851 an edict of non-intercourse was issued against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg in consequence of the formation of a lodge in New York by that Grand Lodge. This lodge has now been closed and its warrant recalled, and the edict of non-intercourse was consequently rescinded.

The Grand Historian presented an elaborate report on the history of a large number of the lodges, which report

is beautifully embellished by photographs of old and new lodges.

The work of the Judge Advocate, Bro. Abel Crook, was performed in a most remarkably efficient manner, and we feel we need make no apology for quoting his report in full:

Since my appointment as Judge Advocate I have carefully considered the various matters referred to me by you and by the several District Deputy Grand Masters, as well as those presented by Masters of subordinate lodges and by individual members of the Craft and when required have formulated opinions. The work has been at times laborious, but the gratification of pleasing and aiding in the solution of many questions about which differences existed has been a satisfactory compensation. It would be surprising that so many inquiries could arise were it not that so many of the inquirers belong to non-professional classes. From the laymen have come questions of an eminently practical nature, while some of the most technical character have been submitted by members of the legal profession.

Among the subjects considered may be mentioned as examples, without attempting to enumerate fully the following:

1. The physical qualifications of a candidate.
2. The right to demand duplicate dimi's.
3. The effect of misrepresentations in applications for membership—claimed to have been innocently made.
4. The status of an applicant to two lodges, one of which accepts and the other subsequently rejects before initiation.
5. The status of an applicant under twenty-one years of age who is accepted before majority by a lodge proposing to initiate him on the day of his majority.
6. The status of one acquitted of intentional misrepresentation in his application relative to previous rejection because no opportunity was afforded the rejecting lodge to appear and prove the fact. In this case the accepting lodge declined to appeal and the rejecting lodge sought to intervene or to invoke some remedy after expiration of the time for an appeal.
7. The construction of the by-laws of a lodge relative to application of its funds to social purposes.
8. The liability of individual members of a lodge to pay the Grand Lodge per capita tax under by-laws which permitted a commutation of all future dues upon payment of a fixed sum which had been availed of by such members. The question arose upon a proposed amendment to the by-laws to increase its dues to cover such tax.
9. The power of a Master to take a recount after an announcement by tellers of a result of a standing vote on amending the by-laws, the result being changed by the recount.
10. The powers and duties of the Grand Treasurer under the recent amendment of the Book of Constitutions, particularly as to the amount to be retained by him uninvested and when and how often the constantly changing surplus is payable to the Board of Trustees of the Hall and Asylum substituted for the Trustees of the Permanent Fund.

11. The powers and duties of the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund as a corporation distinguished from their duties to the Grand Lodge and the supervisory functions of the latter.

Complaints have been presented, proposed changes examined, and where required, amended; in some cases evidence has been analyzed and charges formulated. In this no prejudice or bias has been permitted to intervene, nor any opinion of guilt or innocence expressed, but simply the testimony has been presented, which, if established by legitimate proof on a fair trial would make out a *prima facie* case, ever bearing in mind that the accused was entitled to the presumption of innocence until and unless he should be convicted by a trial upon evidence sufficient to establish the charge beyond a reasonable doubt.

In the performance of these duties I have carefully examined and digested the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization under the Atholl Charter of 1781 to the present time, and in this interesting yet arduous work the original Constitution and its amendments, and many statutes, resolutions, edicts and decisions of the Grand Lodge and of its important committees and of the Commissioners of Appeals have been compared. While differences and apparent divergencies have been discovered at various periods, in the main the proceedings have been consistent, and progress has been conservative and beneficial.

As a result of these investigations, it appears that our Book of Constitutions, through frequent amendments, has become a compilation not only of a Constitution but of statutes, resolutions and decisions.

A constitution is intended to be the organic law of a voluntary association, and should contain all that is vital, but nothing superfluous. It should not be open to frequent or easy amendment. It should be simple, well defined and easily understood, granting powers and imposing duties definitely and yet be sufficiently flexible by providing for delegation of powers, executive, legislative and judicial. The powers and duties of the corporation known as the "Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund" depend upon its charter, which is unaffected by the Constitution or its amendments. It is worthy of consideration whether the former custom of enacting statutes and adopting resolutions to cover temporary purposes and regulations should not take the place of such amendments, each Grand Lodge having the right to enact or repeal statutes or resolutions as the interests and policy of the fraternity shall from time to time require, leaving amendments of the Constitution to be adopted only after the most careful consideration by a vote of at least a majority, if not three-fourths, of the lodges, which latter percentage is required to impose a charge for the benefit of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund.

Our Code of Procedure is antiquated and complex. It unnecessarily limits offences. Complaints should not be encouraged in our Masonic counts which could be disposed of elsewhere. Its provisions as to practice and evidence are crude; in some respects inconsistent, defective and unintelligible.

Under it the trial is required to be conducted like the trial of a criminal action in a secular court, unmindful of the lack of power of a Masonic court to issue mandates binding upon non-members and difficult of enforcement even against members of the fraternity.

The judicatory of the fraternity may discipline its members without outside interference, provided its procedure is followed and the member is afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

Its punishments are in some respects more severe in their consequences than those inflicted by a judgment of a secular court. One convicted in a secular court may be pardoned and restored to citizenship, and in a different community conceal and outlive his past, but an expelled Mason bears the mark wherever he goes. Hence Masonic discipline should be invoked only when absolutely necessary for the welfare of the Craft.

I submit that the time is ripe for a competent commission to revise both our Constitution and Code of Procedure.

Investigation into attempts to organize clandestine Masonry has been made, among others one conceived in another State by a party who advertised in a New York newspaper giving to inquirers information by mail to whom application could be made to obtain clandestine degrees in the city of New York. Such efforts ceased after such investigation was instituted.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the two actions brought by Kortright Cruger against the Grand Lodge, one for fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) damages for alleged libel, and one to restrain the enforcement of the penal code making clandestine operations felonies, have been tried during the past year. The former was tried in the Supreme Court before Hon. Victor J. Dowling, Presiding Justice, and a jury, and the complaint was dismissed at the close of Cruger's case. The latter was tried in the Circuit Court of the United States before Hon. George C. Holt, sitting in equity, who sustained our demurrer and granted judgment in our favor.

As a result, the Grand Lodge is for the first time in several years free from pending litigation.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That as guardians of the orphans of deceased brethren the Grand Lodge deems it its imperative duty to provide a more suitable home for their physical, mental and moral training ; therefore, be it further resolved that the Grand Master, together with the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, be, and hereby are, requested to take into consideration, with the assent of the donors, the application of the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Fund as a fund for erecting on a suitable site an orphanage as a perpetual memorial to the memory of M. W. Bro. Tompkins.

In his notice of our Proceedings for 1906, Bro. Sherer says :

The Grand Master in his address shows that he has been a busy man during the year. He recounts the many visits he made to the various lodges, and is especially profuse in his praise of the courtesy shown him in New York at the session

of the Grand Lodge, and at the meeting of the Tompkins Memorial Committee in Madison Square Garden the Grand Master was taken care of by all the brethren of New York, but was under the special wing of Bro. Sutherland, who acted as special host to the distinguished visitor.

In his review of the Grand Lodges of Germany we find the following :

Continental Freemasonry in Europe since our last report has practically continued on the same lines of development which we have observed during the last decade. Of course, so important an event as the resumption of friendly relations between the Grand Lodges' Union and the Grand Lodge of France has brought forth radical consequences, prominent amongst which we would cite the chartering of the new lodge Goethe, in Paris. The work of this lodge will be conducted in the German language, as its membership principally consists of the German element which has taken up its abode in France for business and other reasons.

Everybody familiar with the German and French conditions in general must admit that the institution of this German lodge, on December 15th last, marked an epoch in the history of the two nations which one would have considered Utopian a few years ago. It is surely a victory which Freemasonry has won, and the French daily press very characteristically takes note of the incident with the remark that German Freemasonry has entered France on the same day on which the priests were expelled from their churches. It goes without saying that the good will and tolerance shown on this occasion in our sister republic will contribute their full share towards the improvement of the neighborly relations between the two great nations.

The custom prevailing in many of the French lodges, during the opening ceremonies, to call out the words "Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite?" has lately met with some opposition, and the *Revue Maconnique*, a French Masonic publication, vigorously attacks the continuance of this practice, blaming the lodges altogether for their emancipation from the solemn ritual and the increasing tendency to convert lodge meetings into profane communications; only by strict upholding and practising of the ritual with their symbolic significance could the true Mason show his attachment to the fraternity, as these ceremonies alone form a distinct and visible tie between all the Freemasons of the globe, wheresoever dispersed.

It is also interesting to hear that the Paris lodge, *Athena*, formerly known as "*Les amis triomphants*," during the past two years has introduced Sunday entertainments, by which they try to assist the public high schools in their tasks; it being proposed to enlighten the public in this way in regard to scientific and artistic questions and also in reference to Freemasonry. The usually good attendance at these Sunday meetings proves their popularity and augurs well for the success of the new movement.

We are much indebted to Bro. Sherer for the following valuable table of statistics :

GENERAL TABLE.

The following table shows the number of members as per last report at hand, and as compared with last prior report :

	1906	1907	Gain
Alabama.....	16,667	18,191	1,524
Arizona.....	1 191*		
Arkansas.....	16,155	17,480	1,325
California.....	31,619	33,769	2 150
Colorado.....	10,997	11,510	513
Connecticut.....	19,346	20,087	741
Delaware.....	2,668	2,772	104
District of Columbia.....	7,365	7,726	361
Florida.....	6 019	6,655	636
Georgia.....	27 289	27,620	2,331
Idaho.....	2,056	2,251	195
Illinois.....	74,741	79,712	4 971
Indiana.....	42,627	45,059	2 432
Indian Territory.....	6 363	7,540	1,177
Iowa.....	35 729	36,736	1,007
Kansas.....	25 986	27 167	1,181
Kentucky.....	26 992	28,593	1,601
Louisiana.....	8 960	9 651	691
Maine.....	25 307	25 889	582
Maryland.....	11,057	11,580	523
Massachusetts.....	46,790	48,415	1,625
Michigan.....	51,871	53,795	1,924
Minnesota.....	29 267	21,056	769
Mississippi.....	12 244	13 252	1,008
Missouri.....	40,983	42,954	1,971
Montana.....	4,013	4,227	214
Nebraska.....	14,719	15,163	444
Nevada.....	1,030	1,113	83
New Hampshire.....	9,565	9 695	130
New Jersey.....	23,487	24,973	1,486
New Mexico.....	1,484	1,629	145
New York.....	139,206	146 027	6,821
North Carolina.....	14,578	15,528	950
North Dakota.....	5,153	5,557	414
Ohio.....	61,636	65,107	3,471
Oklahoma.....	5,976	6,777	801
Oregon.....	7,322	7,689	367
Pennsylvania.....	67,706	71,249	3,543
Rhode Island.....	6,428	6,483	55
South Carolina.....	7,937	8,688	751
South Dakota.....	5,957	6 636	679
Tennessee.....	19,420	20,179	759
Texas.....	38,720	39 162	442
Utah.....	1 213	1,270	57
Vermont.....	11,535	11 802	267
Virginia.....	15,846	16,981	1,135
Washington.....	8,997	9 880	883
West Virginia.....	10,121	11,066	885
Wisconsin.....	21,251	22,118	867
Wyoming.....	1,809	1,951	142
Total.....	1,073,227	1,130,360	57,143
Alberta.....		1,206	
British Columbia.....	2,859	3,051	
Canada Ontario.....	35,000	37,000	
New Brunswick.....	2,204		
Nova Scotia.....	4,417	4,715	
Prince Edward Island.....	608	635	
Quebec.....	4,709	5,060	
Manitaba.....	4 786	4,410	
England.....			
Ireland.....			
Scotland.....			
New Zealand.....		7,783	
South Australia.....		2,799	
Tasmania.....			
Costa Rica.....		207	
New South Wales.....		11 141	
West Australia.....		3,684	

* Not included in total.

Townsend Scudder (Glen Head), G. M.
Edward M. L. Ehlers (New York), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND.

18th Communication, Invercargill, May 8th, 1907.

Lord Plunket, G. M.

They have 147 active lodges, with a membership of 8,500.

With regard to the condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction we quote the following from the Board of General Purposes:

The Board has pleasure in congratulating Grand Lodge upon the continued activity and prosperity existing throughout the lodges under its jurisdiction, and the fine spirit pervading the fraternity.

The Grand Secretary reports that the returns have again been sent in with commendable promptitude, and that every appeal has met with a ready and generous response.

There has been a marked improvement in the work of Lodge Secretaries, and although these brethren may sometimes think Grand Lodge office is a little too particular, reflection will convince them that their work, as well as that of the office staff, will be much simplified by strict attention to detail.

The address of the Grand Master was given at the close of the meeting, and we quote his remarks on their relations with the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland:

And now, leaving our personal affairs for a moment, I wish to express the gratification with which I view the improved position regarding our relations with the parent Grand Lodges. Thanks to the energy and tact of our distinguished Bro. Fowlds, the Grand Lodge of Scotland have heard from a brother Scot, plainly but temperately, our views. The respective sides parted with a higher opinion of each other, and the meeting must lead, sooner or later, to that understanding which we all so earnestly desire. The recent action of the Grand Lodge of England concerning a lodge of theirs in Westland is difficult to understand. That England was ill advised I think is clear, but we cannot take official notice of their decision, which was, I am certain, come to with every intention to act fairly by their lodge. These unfortunate mistakes and misunderstandings must continue to crop up so long as there is divided control, weakening all Masonic power for good and constantly threatening that brotherly love and consideration one for another which should prevail. Yet, notwithstanding these constant pin-pricks, the relations of Masons of all Constitutions out here is wonderfully good and shows that we are all of us determined not to forget the ancient charge. "To cultivate brotherly love, the foundation and keystone, the

cement and glory of this ancient fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and back-biting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices as far as is consistent with our honor."

It was agreed to join in a movement for a conference of Australasian Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

Four new lodges were opened, and a number of the English lodges are desirous of giving up their English charters and joining the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

They have not yet adopted the Correspondence reports, but the matter is under consideration. In the appendix some extracts are given from the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, and among them we find the historical address given by Bro. J. Ross Robertson in 1906.

Lord Plunkett, G. M.

Malcolm Niccol (Auckland), G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

120th Communication, Raleigh, January 8th, 1907.

F. D. Winston, G. M.

The Grand Master is fully satisfied with the success of the D. D. G. M. system :

The success that has attended the establishment of this office is very gratifying. The excellent work of this body of officials justifies the wisdom of the last Grand Lodge in creating the trust. Acting under your resolution, with the assistance of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Wardens, I divided the State into thirty Masonic districts, and have appointed and commissioned a deputy for each district. The work has been neglected in some instances. The office has gone begging in a few districts, but on the whole the departure is a great success. I consider it the main feature of the year's work. I here thank my faithful deputies for the conscientious work they have done. I have never wanted all of the glory of any enterprise, and cheerfully share with them the credit of a year of unusual Masonic activity and prosperity. As stated above, in a few instances I have not been able to get efficient service in some of the districts. Time will cure these defects. I expect to see the office grow in dignity, in importance and in usefulness. It should be a stepping stone to the honor of the Craft and to its great responsibilities. The reports that have been made will be referred with this address to the proper committee.

Twelve new lodges were granted dispensations.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum continues its excellent work. The receipts from tours of the Singing Class

amounted to the large sum of over \$7,200.00. There are over 280 children in this Home.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized. Recognition was refused to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Alpina.

Bro. John A. Collins reviews our Proceedings for 1906 and remarks that the address of Grand Master Burritt is a wonderfully well written Masonic paper, in which he gives a lucid account of the most important acts of his administration.

F. D. Winston (Windsor), G. M.

John C. Drewry (Raleigh), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

18th Communication, Grand Forks, June 25th, 1907.

Grant S. Hager, G. M.

The Grand Master regrets that owing to the severity of the winter and the consequent disorganization of the railway traffic, he was unable to visit as many lodges as he had intended to. The same unfortunate circumstance happened to the Grand Lecturer.

Speaking on the condition of the fraternity in this jurisdiction he says :

At the organization of this Grand Lodge, June 12-13, 1889, at Mitchell, South Dakota, there were 31 lodges in North Dakota, with a total membership of 1,322. There has been a steady growth of both lodges and members, until now, when we have a total of 78 chartered lodges with 5,829 members, and 5 lodges U. D., with a membership of 111, or a total of 83 lodges and 5,940 members. This shows a gain of 52 lodges and 4,618 members. In all this time no lodge within the jurisdiction has surrendered its charter, and in no year has the growth of membership fallen below a healthy increase.

During the five years last past we have established 17 new lodges and gained 1,942 members, or an annual increase of more than three new lodges and practically 390 members.

Five dispensations for new lodges were granted.

The Grand Lodge decided to appropriate 25 per cent. of the annual net receipts to the fund for the establishment of a Masonic Home.

The offices of Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor were combined. This official is to visit every lodge in the jurisdiction at least once in every two years, audit their books, and hold Schools of Instruction.

John Riesbeck (Dickinson), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

42nd Communication, Halifax, June 12th, 1907.

Charles Reynolds Smith, G. M.

In accordance with their usual custom, immediately after the Grand Lodge was opened a procession was formed and they repaired to St. Paul's Church, where a special service was held and a sermon preached by Bro. G. C. Wallis, G. C.

In the afternoon of the same day the Grand Master delivered his annual address. He continued his series of official visitations and was indefatigable in his exertions for the welfare of the Craft.

He has the following on the state of the Craft in his jurisdiction :

In considering the growth of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction one of my respected predecessors, a few years ago, presented a statement of membership down to the year 1903.

In that year the total membership was 3,882, a gain of 162.

"	1904	"	"	4,171,	"	289.
"	1905	"	"	4,417,	"	243.
"	1906	"	"	4,715,	"	298.
"	1907	"	"	is 5,018,	"	303.

The above statement is certainly most encouraging and shows that, notwithstanding the many excellent societies by which we are surrounded, Freemasonry is gaining in strength and we trust in the affection of the public. As will be observed, the last two years have showed a decided increase, thus evidencing a greater interest on the part of our lodges and their members an interest and activity we trust that will long continue. I do not want it understood that we consider increase of members everything. Far from it, for, while it is necessary that new members should be obtained in order that our society should live, still it is quality rather than quantity we are seeking. But at the same time, and speaking with knowledge, I feel justified in saying that the membership of our lodges is composed of the very best material in the different sections of the Province, and such as we prize.

The Masonic Fair netted a handsome sum for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, which now amounts to about \$21,000.00.

Judging from the following extract he found it hard to obtain the correct New York work :

At the last regular communication of Grand Lodge, after the work of the three degrees had been beautifully exemplified by a committee from Truro Lodge, No. 43, a resolution was passed, as follows :

Resolved, That Grand Lodge adopt the work as exemplified by the Committee, i. e., that Ancient York Rite, as practiced in New York, as the authorized work of this Grand Lodge.

In pursuance of this resolution I have endeavored to obtain a certified copy of the New York work, but was unable to do so. We were informed that they had no written or printed work of which they could give a certified copy, but if this Grand Lodge sent a delegation to New York they would be most happy to convey the work "from mouth to ear." Not feeling justified in incurring this expense nothing further was done in the matter, and it is once more before Grand Lodge to deal with it.

A curious complication arose on the withdrawal of the regular troops from Halifax. The situation is thus stated:

Some years ago, and when the regular forces were stationed at Halifax, an arrangement was made whereas this lodge, holding its charter under the Grand Lodge of England, and consisting solely of non-commissioned officers of H. M. service and brethren who leave the service but still retain their membership, should have the exclusive right to receive these persons into their lodge, but not civilians. On the other hand, by this unwritten law, the city lodges would not accept for membership any of the class mentioned, recognizing them to be the exclusive property of Royal Standard. This arrangement remained in effect until the removal of the forces from Halifax a few years ago, and, so far as I am aware, worked satisfactorily. Now a new order of things has come about, and the Canadian militia has taken the place of the regular army, by the removal of which many good and faithful members of Royal Standard have left Halifax and their ranks very materially depleted. Under these circumstances a memorial was presented to me from Royal Standard asking that this same arrangement, or unwritten law, go into effect and hold good as to the Canadian militia the same as it was previously operative in connection with H. M. forces. While most anxious to meet the wishes of our brethren of Royal Standard, and to continue the cordial relations which had always existed between them and the members of our own jurisdiction for reasons fully set out in my letter to Royal Standard, I was obliged to refuse their request. I pointed out to them that if the time ever did exist for such an arrangement, in my judgment that time was now past; that, Masonically speaking I did not think it right, fair or Masonic to debar a candidate from selecting, under the Constitution, what lodge he would wish to join, and, on the other hand, it struck me as very arbitrary to say to a candidate that he must join a certain lodge or none at all. I further pointed out that I could not and would not grant any such exclusive privilege as Royal Standard asked for to one of my own lodges and what I would most decidedly refuse to them I could hardly be expected to grant to a lodge holding its charter under another Grand Lodge, notwithstanding that was the Grand Lodge of England, for which we all entertained the very highest respect and esteem. And while fully recognizing the love and attachment the remaining members of Royal Standard felt for their Mother Grand Lodge, with all due deference and respect to the Grand Lodge of Eng-

land, I expressed the hope that before long the good brethren of Royal Standard might see their way clear to become one with ourselves and work under the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, promising them a most cordial welcome and hearty reception.

Under the heading of the "Good of the Craft," Bro. Smith has the following very sensible remarks :

Then again in this, as unfortunately in other jurisdictions, we have too many dimitted Masons. If the society were good enough to join surely it is good enough for all to retain membership. While it is quite true that we are not allowed to canvass for new members, for which we should be grateful, there is no Masonic law that I know of against soliciting unaffiliated Masons to return to the fold to active and useful work. We want them back, and if they only realized it, besides fulfilling their solemn obligations, they would be better men and Masons by actively identifying themselves with their respective lodges. Seek them out, brethren, and bring them home. Again, there is the social element among members and in the lodges which must not be lost sight of. Happily I have reason for knowing that of late these social gatherings and fraternal visitations are not so rare as in days gone by. This is a move in the right direction and one I have always encouraged. It is not by any means a mistake, once in a while, to have an "At Home," or some other social function in our lodge rooms to which the ladies can be invited. We are not thereby "playing to the galleries," neither are we seeking publicity, for the experience of the past year shows that the ladies, in the goodness of their hearts, are deeply interested in our work. Encourage, then, my brethren, this interest, for anything which appeals to the heart of noble womanhood is for good and will be of lasting advantage.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and reviews our Proceedings for 1906.

Charles Reynolds Smith (Amherst), G. M.

Thomas Mowbray (Halifax, G. S.

OHIO.

98th Communication, Canton, October 16th, 1907.

Horace A. Irvin, G. M.

The Grand Master thinks they are making too many Masons. We quote as follows :

By comparison with previous years this seems to be but little more than a normal increase. I can not avoid this feeling, however, that some of our lodges measure prosperity more by the number of admissions than by the quality of them. Brethren, we are making too many Masons. Many of our lodges, especially our city lodges, are too large. There can be no spirit of fraternity where there is no personal acquaintance or close personal contact. There is no Masonry where

there is no fraternity. I would rather belong to a small lodge, doing a limited amount of work each year, where all remembered and practised the five points of fellowship, than belong to a lodge of from five hundred to a thousand members, every one of whom were students of Masonic philosophy, but too engrossed in the study of it to remember the meeting night of their lodge or the names of its officers. More fraternity and less ancient history; more knocks at the homes of your less fortunate brethren and fewer knocks at the doors of your preparation rooms, will promote the healthiest kind of growth in our lodges and the fullest realization of the high ideals of Masonry.

The members of the Eastern Star, realizing the need of a hospital in connection with their Masonic Home, built and furnished a beautiful building and presented it to the Trustees.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

The centennial celebration of the founding of the Grand Lodge of Ohio will be held in Cincinnati on the 21st of October, 1908.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham gives us another of his super-excellent reports on Correspondence, and we quote his opening remarks on Masonic Symbolism:

Masonic Symbolism.

There's not a flower of spring
That dies ere June but vaults itself allied
By issue and symbol, by significance
And correspondence, to that spirit world
Outside the limits of our space and time,
Whereto we are bound.—Mrs. Browning.

Physical Perfection.

"And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him."—Gen. 1., 27.

Man having been created in the image and likeness of God, it follows that the highest Masonic Symbolism is involved in the person. Physical perfection, therefore, in the candidate, except in its lower signification, does not refer merely to the adaptability of the operative apprentice to manual labor, but, in its highest symbolism, corresponds to the divine humanity of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe and to heaven. An eminent writer, scientist and seer has stated "that heaven as a whole is like one man," and that as "all of life is from the Lord, . . . the whole heaven corresponds to this Divine Human, and consequently that all angels, spirits and men correspond to heaven."

The correspondence of the whole heaven with the Divine Human, and of men as individuals with the heavens is, therefore, the highest type in symbolism, and its knowledge and appreciation the highest attainment in the search after truth or the lost "word." In this connection the very beautiful

symbolisms of the human body and its pertinent and instructive applications to the lessons and ceremonies of Freemasonry are especially apparent in the following brief reference to a few prominent features from the Dictionary of Correspondences of Baron Swedenborg.

As the human body clothes, invests or contains the soul, the body corresponds to Man; and as correspondences have a three-fold signification and are the analogy between a higher and lower plane, all the parts and organisms have each their special and symbolic signification, in both a good and evil sense. In briefly considering a few of these in their good signification, the necessity and justice of the ancient regulation requiring the proposed Apprentice (or Mason) to be a man, free born, of lawful age, and without maim or defect, at least such as would prevent his compliance without any external help or appliances, with every requirement of the ceremonies of initiation or advancement, will be apparent, viz.:

The Head corresponds to wisdom, intelligence, and the understanding, and, as it represents the "all of his life," it relates to love and wisdom. The Mouth signifies thought, discourse, and ability of teaching. The Tongue the desire to teach. The Ear corresponds to obedience. The Neck signifies influx and conjunction and the communication of interior principles. The Breast, containing the heart and lungs, symbolizes goodness and truth. The Right Breast corresponds to the spiritual affection of good, and the Left Breast corresponds to the spiritual affection of truth. The Heart, representing love and charity, "corresponds to the celestial kingdom of the Lord," and the Lungs symbolizes "faith in the understanding," and corresponds to "those who are in love to the neighbor." The Back represents externals. The Arm denotes power; Arms, spiritual power, and Forearm, natural power. The Hand signifies external power; Right Hand, intellectual power, power of faith, and power of the will. The right (Rectitude) is predicated of Truth. The Thumb signifies concentration of external power. The Fingers represent the particulars of skill. The Palm corresponds to powers of affection. The Knee symbolizes conjunction between the natural and spiritual; bending the knee, acknowledgment and adoration. The Legs correspond to natural good—the Legs and Feet signify natural good conjoined to spiritual good. The Feet correspond to the natural man; the Toes are emblematic of his faculties; the Heel is the symbol of the lowest order of the natural, and the Skin corresponds to Truth in ultimates.

To the thoughtful Mason the application of the foregoing to the most impressive esoteric lesson of the Masonic drama will be of especial value for a more complete understanding of the beauty and impressiveness of its ritual.

He devotes four pages to a review of our Proceedings for 1906. We quote his concluding remarks:

In the conclusion of the report of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence last year the Freemasons of Ohio were congratulated that clandestinism is rapidly disappearing in this grand jurisdiction, and that petitions for initiation were

being received from some among the most desirable persons who had been deceived into joining their bogus bodies.

This feature is still more pronounced the current year. The iron-clad enactments of the New York Legislature against frauds, clandestinism and the use of fraternity titles, etc., to which not entitled, and the decisions of the courts of Ohio, Pennsylvania and elsewhere against their pretences are doubtless causing the desertion and renunciation of its leaders, as many of whom who were most prominent in promoting and promulgating the bogus concern and selling its degrees, and who had been expelled from Freemasonry, are now anxiously seeking for restoration and reinstatement.

In their list of so-called lodges in this State it is probable that, as claimed, not one of them is in active operation.

George D. Copeland (Marion), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OREGON.

57th Communication, Portland, June 12th, 1907.

W. T. Williamson, G. M.

Bro. Williamson, being a Canadian, it is hardly necessary for us to say that his work was well performed. He laid a number of corner stones, visited several lodges, appointed Grand Representatives, opened new lodges at Dupur and Junction City, and generally performed his multifarious duties in a manner fully satisfactory to his brethren. Born August 6th, 1850, at Peterboro, Ontario, moved to Beaverton, there attending the public schools; then took a course at the Institute at Barrie; later, in 1872, moved to Portland, Oregon, remaining there practically since.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1906 Bro. J. M. Hodson, we are glad to find, agrees with us on several points, notably on the question of the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Speaking of life membership Bro. Hodson says:

Personally we do not believe in life membership, besides just think of the solid satisfaction he has lost by not having to walk up to the Secretary's desk at least once a year and digging up the necessary amount. We think a receipt for dues of late date the very best documentary evidence which can be produced, and if we were on an examining committee a good fresh one would be a "powerful extenuating circumstance" in favor of an otherwise rusty visitor.

Lot L. Pearce (Salem), G. M.

James F. Robinson (Eugene), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1907.

George W. Kendrick, Jr., G. M.

Addresses were delivered by both the retiring Grand Master and his successor, Bro. George B. Orlady. In the former we find the following on their charities :

Our Masonic Home, through the continued generous acts of the brethren, has increased the scope of its work and its power for good. This great charity has been created and maintained principally and primarily through the active and persistent efforts of a comparatively small number of our brethren, and I trust that the Grand Lodge, in its anxiety to be just as well as generous, will give more freely to the great work thus performed, in the future than it has done in the past.

With our Masonic Home, the William L. Elkins Masonic Orphanage for Girls, and the contemplated Thomas R. Patton Orphanage, splendid strides have been made in outward exemplification of our inward faith and belief in charity. In this connection, I express with confidence the hope that in the near future that part of our receipts which has been turned toward the payment and cancellation of our bonded indebtedness will be diverted to Grand Lodge charities.

From the latter we quote the following referring to the death of Bro. Thomas R. Patton, who was Grand Treasurer for 34 years :

He provided by his last will and testament that this Grand Lodge should be made the trustee of a fund which aggregates more than a million of dollars, to be held for investment and accumulation for twelve years, and then to be at the disposal of this body for the erection and maintenance of an institution for the support of male orphan children of Master Masons.

The surplus of \$11,200 returned from California has been turned over to an emergency fund to be used in case of a similar disaster elsewhere.

Very considerable progress has been made in every department of their library, the collection of books, antiquities and jewels has been rearranged. Among other things a public reference case has been installed and equipped, and during the year a chronological display of historic aprons and Masonic clothing has been made. We also quote as follows :

A series of colored views has been prepared under the direction of the committee showing the various places of meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge from 1769 to the present day. These now form the complete collection, as follows :

Lodge room in Videll's Alley, second street below Chestnut, west side, 1769-1790.

City Tavern, Second street, southwest corner of Moravian street, occupied temporarily during the American Revolution.

Meeting House of the Free Quakers, southwest corner of Fifth and Arch streets, 1790-1799.

State House, Chestnut street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, 1800-1802.

Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, Filbert street, above Eighth street, south side, 1802-1810 and 1819-1820.

Masonic Hall, Chestnut street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, 1811-1819.

Masonic Hall, Chestnut street (rebuilt), 1820-1835.

Washington Hall, Third street, above Spruce street, west side, 1835-1855.

Masonic Hall, Chestnut street (third), 1855-1873.

Masonic Temple, northeast corner of Broad and Filbert streets, 1873 to the present time.

These views are on exhibition in the library.

Brother James M. Lamberton reviews our proceedings for 1907 in his review on Correspondence. In his notice on Maryland he says :

In reply, we may say that nothing in the very early minutes of the lodge to which we belong which is not so very modern (it was constituted in 1779), give us any reason to think that there was anything but one ballot for the three degrees, and our oldest living Past Master tells us that he never knew of but one ballot for the three degrees. Our librarian, Bro. Sachse, tells us that so far as he recalls, there is nothing in any of the old minute books in his care that belonged to "the Ancients," since about 1757, showing more than one ballot for degrees. He showed us, however, in the minutes of a "modern" lodge, "the lodge at the Tun Tavern in Water street, Philadelphia, covering the period from June 28, 1749, to June 27, 1755," that regularly a ballot was taken for each degree and a fourth for membership.

George B. Orlady (Philadelphia), G. M.

William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

32nd Communication. Charlottetown, June 24, 1907.
W. K. Rogers, G. M.

From the address of the Grand Master we quote the following :

It has been my great privilege during the year to visit every lodge in the jurisdiction at least once, and some of them several times, and I am pleased to report to you that with but one exception they are all prospering, nearly every lodge having increased its membership, the nett gain for the year being 30, and from what I know of the new membership it is such as should add greatly to the strength of our institution. I am also glad to report that the relations between the brethren and

the different lodges are of the best, and that our relations with other grand jurisdictions are of the most friendly nature.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized. Lodges, 16; membership, 665; increase, 30.
W. K. Rogers (Charlottetown), G. M.
Neil MacKelvie (Summerside), G. S.

QUEBEC.

37th Communication, Montreal, February 13, 1907.
David A. Manson, G. M.

Masonry in Quebec parallels the prosperity and activity of the country. The future of both is full of fairest promise.

The Grand Master refused to approve a lodge by-law providing that the committee on enquiry on candidates for initiation should be a secret one. He says:

The advantages of this measure are not apparent. It would create a division in the lodge by excluding members from a knowledge of its proceedings. It would conceal from members the composition of a committee, whose report should guide them in casting their ballots. It would proclaim a Masonic lodge unworthy of its own confidence. It does not appear in harmony with the spirit or letter of the Constitution.

An occurrence worthy of note is thus described by Bro. Manson:

On the 10th of July it was my great pleasure to attend a meeting of St. George's Lodge, No. 10, held in honor of M. W. Bro. Col. A. A. Stevenson's Masonic jubilee. There were present a large number of distinguished Masons, who had assembled on this occasion to do honor to the venerable chieftain, among whom may be mentioned M.W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, G. M. of Canada; Senator Ellis, of Nova Scotia; Senator Gibson, of Ontario; J. B. Tressider, T. P. Butler, I. H. Stearns, R. W. Bro. Will H. Whyte, and many other Grand Lodge officers.

Among the notable incidents of the occasion were the presentation, to the distinguished guest, of a handsome oil painting of himself, life size, which will serve in perpetuity as a reminder of one who has devoted his life to the interests of the Craft. This was accompanied by an illustrated address, a work of rare elegance and beauty, a gold watch, suitably inscribed, with chain, and a well filled purse of gold. These were each in turn feelingly acknowledged by the M. W. brother.

The events of the day were crowned by a banquet at the Windsor Hotel. St. George's lodge did itself honor by the admirable arrangements made for celebrating Col. Stevenson's fiftieth year in the fraternity.

A new lodge was opened in Montreal to work in the French language.

Rejoicings were in order over the successful completion of the negotiations for the exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of England. Earl Amherst, the Pro-Grand Master of England, accepting the position in England, and Sir Melbourne M. Tait, P. G. M., the like in Quebec. The honorary rank of Past Grand Master of Quebec was conferred upon Sir Edward Letchworth, the Grand Secretary, and Bro. John Strachan, the Grand Registrar of England.

Following this exchange of representatives, one of the three English lodges in Montreal, St. Lawrence, No. 640, E. R., severed its connection with England and joined the Grand Lodge of Quebec. A large number of the members attended the Grand Lodge in a body and were cordially welcomed. Honorary Past Grand rank was conferred on five of the officers.

An oil portrait of himself was presented to M. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, P. G. M., and Grand Treasurer for over 25 years, in recognition of his distinguished services to the Craft. Bro. Stearns was absent through illness, it being the first time in 34 years that he was not present in Grand Lodge.

In his notice of the Grand Lodge of Alpina (Switzerland), Bro. E. T. D. Chambers has the following:

The Alpina Grand Lodge of Switzerland has never been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, nor do we know of any reason why it should be, so long as it continues to fraternize with bodies which lack the essential characteristics of Freemasonry. There is, therefore, every reason to fear that the so-called Masonry of the Alpina holds somewhat loose ideas itself as to what constitutes genuine Freemasonry. Under ordinary circumstances it would not be considered advisable to notice in this report any of the publications issued by the Alpina Grand Lodge of alleged Freemasonry. These have been referred to us, however, in the usual manner, and we consider it a duty not to enter into a general review of the proceedings of a body so far unrecognized by us, but at least to notice an American endorsement of the Swiss movement inaugurated by the Grand Alpina, which appears to us to be a cause for very deep regret. In one of the publications of the Alpina we find the following alleged quotation from the American Tyler and Keystone of the 20th May last.

"An International Masonic Congress is to be held at Rome. The one at Geneva in 1902 was not represented by a single American Grand Lodge. This state of things should change at the next Congress. Our brethren in Europe have been

sufficiently put on their guard against the irregular and clandestine Masonic powers, and the irregular organizations will not receive invitations. We should like to see at Rome a representative of every Grand Lodge in America, and we firmly believe that great and enduring benefits would result for American Masonry."

In our opinion there is no reason why any legitimate Grand Lodge in the world should allow itself to be mixed up with the company in which the Roman Congress will find itself, or even with the Grand Lodge (so-called) Alpina itself. The coming Congress is to be held in Rome on the invitation of the Grand Orient of Italy—a body so lost to all sense of the main principles of the Masonic fraternity that just before the severance of relations between it and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, among others, some few years ago, at the instance of the present writer, we had been importuned by the late Adriano Lemmi, signing himself Grand Master, to send representatives to Rome to assist the Grand Orient in celebrating the jubilee of the defeat of the Papal power by the Garibaldian troops.

The company in which the Alpina Grand Lodge finds itself may be judged by its own report of the answers received from the different Grand Bodies with which it corresponds, to the question, "On what basis, according to you, can one place oneself in order to decide that a Masonic corps must be considered regular?" "The precise answers," says the writer of the Bulletin, "may be divided into several groups. Some—the minority—base Masonic regularity on a belief in the G. A. O. T. U. Thus: Every lodge or Grand Lodge that does not acknowledge the G. A. O. T. U., and does not make use of the Bible or some other sacred book, according to their faith, is considered irregular by our Grand Lodge." But mark this point: only the minority of those with whom the Grand Lodge Alpina corresponded on this subject expressed their belief in the necessity for the presence of the Great Light of Masonry upon the altars of the lodges. Do any of the American Grand Lodges wish to fraternize with those who count amongst the majority of their so-called Masonic friends and correspondents, those whose Masonic light is only darkness visible, since it is unilluminated by the light which is from above, and whose so-called lodges are assemblies of men deprived of the first essential of Masonic regularity? Yet we find no word of protest against such a belief on the part of the Alpina, but rather the contention that it is possible to effect a union between all who profess the name of Masonry, irrespective of the original landmarks and main principles of the fraternity, saving only those "so-called Masonic corps of spontaneous information, which have copied the titles, the organization and the symbolism of Masonic rites," together with those corps which were originally regular and have been legally excluded from the Masonic communion, "until such time as they may become regular again, if the reason for exclusion should disappear."

That no great importance is attached by the members of the Alpina to the important question to which we have directed attention is manifest from the statement, unaccom-

panied by any protest, that "for some minds, Masonic regularity or irregularity is based essentially on the question of the formula of the G. A. O. T. U. being admitted or not." Where union is sought by or with so-called Masons holding free and easy views on this most important subject, or temporizing with such opinions in any way, it should be peremptorily declined by all legitimate Masonry.

The writer of the Alpina Bulletin announces that he received only 70 answers to over 250 circulars addressed to the Grand Lodges of the world, and adds: "The majority, therefore, did not reply. Why?" We trust we have made it plain enough why responses were not forthcoming from the legitimate Grand Lodges of Masonry. Let the seekers after such Masonic recognition first establish their own Masonic regularity and then purge themselves from the reproach of fraternizing with Grand Orient and other irregular and spurious Freemasonry.

Bro. Chambers thinks that if three lodges in a territory form a Grand Lodge "irrespective of the wishes of a very large majority of the lodges in the territory, the way is open for serious trouble." Doubtless. But that is altogether a different proposition from the one we denied, namely, that it was absolutely necessary to the formation of a new Grand Lodge that a majority of the lodges in the territory should join in the formation.

Our Proceedings of 1906 receive kindly mention.

Lodges, 61 ; members, 5,488 ; increase, 488.

George O. Stanton (Montreal), G. M.

Will H. Whyte (Montreal), G. S.

QUEENSLAND.

Quarterly Communication, Brisbane, Sept. 10, 1906.

G. S. Hutton, G. M.

From the report of the Board of General Purposes we learn that one new lodge was organized.

Recognition has been accorded them by four more Grand Lodges, making a total of 19 to date.

The Grand Secretary reported that the appeal to the Metropolitan lodges, on behalf of the Hospital collection, had resulted in £80 being obtained.

Special Communication, Brisbane, Nov. 29, 1906.

This communication was held for the purpose of installing Lord Chelmsford as Grand Master. The installation ceremony was performed by the Grand Master of Western Australia, Bro. the Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley. He was presented for his services with a maul, upon

which was affixed a five pointed star in gold, with a suitable inscription thereon.

Some of the points in his address are clever and apropos:

The Most Wor. the Grand Master of Western Australia delivered the following address. Most Wor. Grand Master, W. Brothers and Brethren:—It would have been more in accord with my own personal feelings had I not been called upon to deliver an address this evening, for although my heart goes out to you in the trouble through which you are passing, and although I have come a long way to be present at this function, yet I know perfectly well how easy it is to cause trouble, and to increase trouble, by the saying of a word which may not mean, or be intended to mean, the construction put upon it. We in Western Australia have had to pass through this trouble, and, therefore, we are in sympathy with those who are striving to build up a Grand Lodge in Queensland—(applause)—and just as we believe that we are getting through our troubles and are prospering, so we hope that within a short time you will see an end of your troubles. (Applause.)

Now, when we began the idea of forming a Grand Lodge in Western Australia we looked round to see what rules there were for forming Grand Lodges, and it may be interesting to some of you to know that, as far as we could find out, there were no rules anywhere. (Applause and laughter.) Therefore, of course, to say that a lodge is not regularly formed is to say that there were some rules by which the regularity could have been proclaimed, but as far as we can find out there were no rules at all. We found with regard to some Grand Lodges, one Grand Lodge was formed by one or two, others have been formed by minorities, others have been formed by majorities, and, as far as we can make out, each Grand Lodge seemed to act upon its own recommendation; and, for our own part, of course we do not think it is quite fair, after the establishment of a Grand Lodge, that other Grand Lodges should make rules which shall be supposed to be binding upon those who had already formed a Grand Lodge. (Applause.) We are all, and personally I am very anxious that Masons shall be able in this part of the world to manage their own affairs—(applause)—and, of course, we know that it is like going out from the old home. Some of us do not like forming a Grand Lodge and cutting off ourselves from our old home in Masonry. Neither does a girl or boy, when they leave home to be married, like going away from the old home, though they are going to start a new home of their own. And you know there are some mothers-in-law who are always interfering. (Laughter and applause.) There are some parents who, because they love their children so much, do not wish them to leave home; and there are other parents who, because they do not like to lose that which the children bring in, do not like them to leave home. However, most parents—I dare say there are a good many listening to me here—though they proclaim willingly that they do not like to lose their children, yet, at the same time, there are very few who

do not like to see them established in matrimony and having a good home of their own before they shuffle off this mortal coil. So I think any Grand Lodge ought to be only too delighted when they have established their children in a distant land, to see them grown so strong, so self-reliant, so self-dependent, that they are able to establish their own Grand Lodge and go on their way as a free and independent body. (Applause.) Now, I hope I have not said too much on that particular score, but you can quite understand the position that we are in in Western Australia and that you are in here. Personally, I believe there is no body of men in the world who are so loyal to the old country, whether it be England or Ireland or Scotland from which they have come, as the Masons of Australia—(applause)—and we do not want to do one thing, or to say one word, that will give the slightest possible trouble to the old home. Now I have said quite enough upon that.

From the address of the new Grand Master we quote the following:

I shall not refer to the past history of our Grand Lodge, as this was most fully dealt with on the occasion of its inauguration, but I am happy to say that up to the present time twenty-two Grand Lodges have recognized our Constitution, and Time, the great healer, will undoubtedly effect its work as men come more fully to recognize the purity of our motives and the singlemindedness of our aims. (Applause.)

Our charity fund, too, shows the determination on the part of our brethren to keep before their eyes the real objects of Masonry. It stands for the two years of our existence at £600, whilst £200 has been granted to necessitous brethren and widows, and the sum of £80 was donated to the Brisbane Hospital last month. I shall not compare this sum with the sums received in other bodies, for the old proverb holds good—comparisons are odious—and our duty is to keep before our minds our own obligations, and not flatter our pride by drawing invidious comparisons, which may be misleading, and are certainly ungenerous.

Five additional recognitions were reported at the quarterly meeting held March 11th, 1907.

The Grand Master nominated himself as representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Three new lodges were instituted at Cairns, Nambour and Brisbane.

Lodges. 51; membership about 1,800.

Lord Chelmsford, G. M.

C. H. Harley (Brisbane), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

117th Communication, Providence, May 20th, 1907.

Walter Ackman Presbrey, G. M.

From the Grand Master's address we quote the following paragraph :

In the early fall I looked forward with pleasant anticipations to a number of official visitations to various lodges, whose Masters had requested my attendance, but, owing to ill-health I was unable to accept. It was my pleasure to visit, officially, Orpheus Lodge, October, 1906 ; and St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Providence, April, 1907 ; in the latter, my home lodge, I had the exceptional pleasure of presiding for the purpose of making my brother a Mason. I have visited, unofficially, Mt. Moriah, Nestell, Barney Merry, Roger Williams, and Harmony lodges, and at both the official and unofficial visits I have been most cordially received, and the work performed was most creditable, satisfying me that the ambition to excel in the thoughtful interpretation of our work still prevails among the lodges.

One of his decisions was that a dimit could not be granted to an officer of a lodge during his term of office.

A special communication was held on the 23rd of June to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, in Providence, at which the usual musical exercises were held and oratorical addresses delivered.

Arthur Herbert Armington (Providence), G. M.

S. Penrose Williams (Providence), G. S.

SASKATCHEWAN.

The formation of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan naturally followed the organization of that Province, its remarkable growth and the consequent increase in the number of Masonic lodges.

A convention was held at Prince Albert on May 25th, 1906, at which a majority of the lodges in the Province were represented, and a resolution was passed to form a Grand Lodge for the Province.

The organization meeting was held at Regina on August 9th, 1906. Out of 28 lodges in the Province, 25 were represented, and the proceedings were practically unanimous. The name decided on is the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Canada.

A provisional Constitution was adopted.

Kinistino lodge at Prince Albert, the oldest lodge in the Province, was allowed to have special regalia.

The annual meetings are to be held on the third Wednesday in June, and the first meeting was fixed for Prince Albert. The Province was divided into seven districts.

The Grand Officers were installed by the Grand Master of Manitoba, assisted by two Past Grand Masters.

We extend our congratulations and a cordial welcome.

H. H. Campkin (Indian Head), G. M.

Dr. J. M. Shaw (Regina), G. S.

SCOTLAND.

At the Quarterly Communication held May 2nd, 1907, charters were granted to three new lodges, two of them in the Transvaal.

A District Grand Lodge was erected in Hawaii.

A bust of the Immediate Past Grand Master, the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, was ordered for Grand Lodge, and he was presented with a jewel.

Quarterly Communication, August 1st, 1907.

The Master, the Deputy Master, the Junior Warden and the Chaplain of a lodge in Queensland were expelled, presumably for joining the new Grand Lodge there, and six new lodges in Queensland were granted charters. Why the Grand Lodge of Scotland should thus continue to cause strife and bitterness between the brethren it is difficult to understand. The teachings of brotherly love, to say nothing of those of ordinary justice and fair play, seem to have no effect in Scotland, especially when the "bawbees" are concerned.

A charter was granted to a new lodge at Punta Arenas, in the Straits of Magellan.

Quarterly Communication, November 7, 1907.

Charters were granted to new lodges in Orange River Colony, Chili, Manilla (Phillipine Islands), and Simla in India, and another in Queensland.

The annual communication for the installation of officers was held at Govan November 20th, 1907.

Sir Thomas Carmichael, G. M.

The festival of St. Andrew was duly celebrated by a banquet.

On Grand Lodge being opened after dinner the usual loyal toasts were proposed and responded to. We quote

the replies to the toast of the Naval and Military Forces of the Empire:

The Right Hon. the Earl of Cassillis, in reply, said: I suppose I ought to reply for the Navy first, as being the first line of defence. It was my privilege to be lately at the review of the fleet at Cowes, and a most imposing fleet it was. We were assured that the ships were better than they had ever been before, and that they were a match for any two powers. With regard to the Volunteers, the new order is that they have to fire chiefly at disappearing targets. I suppose that is because in South Africa we had very often to fire at the Boers, who were invisible targets. We have been told that there is nothing between the new army scheme and conscription, and I may also say that there is nothing between our keeping up our naval and military forces and destruction. Well, whatever our opinion may be about this new scheme, we have to support it and do our best to make it successful. (Applause.)

The Most Honourable the Marquis of Tillibardine, in response to repeated calls for a speech, said: I thought when I came here to-night I should have only one speech to make, and that would be a very simple one. It certainly never struck me that I should have to reply to the toast of the Army, which has been already so ably responded to and its good qualities so well expatiated upon by the brother on my right. Well brethren, the present time is one of those particular moments when one who happens to be a soldier particularly wishes to make no remarks about the army in general, especially as I have had the distinguished honor conferred upon me—and I am sure it is one which has not been sought—of being appointed chairman of the Perthshire Territorial Association. However, I would only say this—that I am a soldier, and that I place anything that has to do with the army far above any politics. I am perfectly willing to take up any scheme without prejudice, and I shall always do my best to make it successful if it is possible at all. And, personally speaking, I shall work as hard as I can for this scheme. At the same time, one does have a certain amount of misgiving when one sees good regiments and good battalions disbanded, and nothing being done to take their place—(applause)—but there is no more long-headed man in this country than Mr. Haldane, and we have a very good committee at the War Office at present, and I am perfectly certain that they would not bring forward a scheme if they thought that it was to be to the detriment of the forces of this country. Perhaps we do not see it in that light at present, but I do hope that it will work out all right in the long run. Personally, I may be permitted to say that I think this territorial scheme is a little bit too parochial and I would rather have seen it bigger and more counties included in one territorial association. Take my own force, the Scotch Horse. It has got to serve in five different county associations, probably all with different ideas of finance, and I cannot help thinking that before long we shall see an amalgamation of several associations into one group. Before we criticize this scheme, let us give it a chance, and if it is

going to hang, let it hang itself. (Laughter.) Well, brethren, I won't say anything further, except that I do think the army is improving, and is better than it has been for very many years. Every day it is getting more professional, and people are taking a keener interest in it in this country, and by degrees I hope that we shall become a military nation, which, I am sorry to say, we are not at present. I cannot see why we should not be. I have spent the most of my days in the army, and before that in the militia and volunteers, and I cannot see why every young man should not be taught to be a soldier. I do not say that I am an advocate of conscription or anything of the sort, but I would like to see every young man between 17 and 20 obliged to go into the volunteers for three years. I cannot see how it would harm him, and I am certain that it would do him and his country a great deal of good and would also be fairer in every way upon those who at present are prepared to do what lies in their power to learn to defend the land of their birth. (Applause.)

In the speech of the Grand Master we find an interesting statement of the condition of the Grand Lodge:

Bro. Duncan further told you that it was my duty to tell you how Freemasonry was prospering, and I believe that is my duty. The Grand Secretary, among the many kind actions which he performs, always supplies the Grand Master with figures for this occasion, and to-night I cannot say that I feel at all ashamed of the figures with which he has supplied me. I find that the grand total of Scottish Freemasons has been increased during the past year by 10,112 members, as compared with 9,534 last year, and that the income of Grand Lodge during the past year has been £10,325, as against £9,787 in the previous year—an increase of £538. In 1906 the income of Grand Lodge was £9,787, and the expenditure £3,428. This year the income is £10,325, and the expenditure £4,493. During 1907 the grants from the Benevolent Fund have amounted to £939, and the annuities to £2,370. Brethren, I have never lost an opportunity of impressing upon you the importance of the Annuity Fund, urging you to do all you can to increase the power of Grand Lodge to do its duty in benevolence and in granting annuities. We have heard that the Provincial Grand Master of this province has not been behind hand in impressing upon us the duty which Grand Lodge owes to the Masons of Scotland in the way of charity, and I hope that he will help me in impressing upon you to do all you can for these charities. Since the formation of the Annuity Fund in 1889 the sum of £25,400 has been paid in annuities, and the amount contributed this year to the fund by daughter lodges amounted to £1,284, as compared with £1,280 last year. That is a small advance, only £4, and I am not so proud of that as I would like to be. I would like to see it further advanced. When you increase your numbers up to 10,000, as compared with 9,000, I think that the figures might be a little more than £4. It is my duty to point out where I think there ought to be an advance in finance as well as in numbers, and I think it is my duty to point out that any defect that may exist is not due to my own lodge. I expect that every one of you thinks

it is not the fault of your own lodge but the fault of somebody else, and I hope that you are perfectly certain that you are right on that score. I always think that the great thing is to try and get all the income you can, and spend it as well as you can. I don't think the Grand Lodge can have any better ideal than that. I will do my best to help you. The General Fund amounts to £38,326, the Benevolent Fund to £9,213, and the Annuity Fund to £47,472—making a grand total for the three funds of £95,011, exclusive of the heritable and movable property, which is valued at £25,200. Altogether the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Scottish Craft are in a position of unprecedented prosperity. (Applause.) Long may it continue. Then I get away from finance, and shall refer to the fact that charters have been issued to eighteen new lodges. I am glad to say we have a new one in my own province in Midlothian, and I believe that I am in the proud position of being the Provincial Grand Master who has the youngest lodge in Scotland, and I am a little hopeful that I may still have a younger.

Now, brethren, I have dealt with the necessary part of my speech, and I must get on and thank you for being present to-night. This is a new departure for Grand Lodge to come to Govan. (Applause.) I hope you don't think it has been a wrong departure. (Cries of "No.") I personally think that it has been a very good thing to do. I felt sure it would be. I believe that the first idea, when we did not meet in Edinburgh, was that we should meet in Glasgow. Well, brethren, I am not so well up in the geography of the west as I ought to be. I have always heard that Glasgow was the second city of the empire, and I have heard that she even expects to be the second city in the world soon, and that being so, I was not quite sure whether Govan was not a part of Glasgow. I suppose that Glasgow would like to absorb Govan, and if she did I suppose she knows that she would be the second city in the world. What Govan's idea is I don't know, but I presume that if Govan thought that by absorbing Glasgow she was doing right, she certainly would be the second city. (Laughter.) Well, she might do it yet. I know that Govan is in the Province of Glasgow, and therefore that is quite sufficient for me. I am glad to be in the burgh of Govan. (Laughter and applause.) I don't know that any city could have treated us better than the Province of Glasgow has done. If Glasgow had been the second city in the world it could not have done better than Govan has done. We have only to look at this hall, which is extremely convenient and which seats us all well, and you also see how it has been decorated. I feel grateful to the burgh of Govan for the way which it has behaved. Bro. Duncan said that life would be extremely flat if we didn't have something to grumble at. I have nothing to grumble at to-night, and I feel also that all the brethren are in the same happy position.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Sir Thomas D. G. Carmichael, G. M.

David Reid (Edinburgh), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

131st Communication.

F. E. Harrison, G. M.

We have only received the address of the Grand Master and the report on Correspondence.

The Grand Master says the state of the Craft may be summed up in the two words, "Harmony and Prosperity."

Six new lodges were granted dispensations.

They have a nucleus of over \$12,000.00 towards the proposed Masonic Home. The Grand Master, however, regrets that subscriptions are not coming in faster.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. J. T. Barron and reviews our Proceedings for 1906.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Half-yearly Communication, Adelaide, Oct. 17, 1906.

Sir S. J. Way, G. M.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized, but action on the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was postponed.

A new lodge was opened at Angaston.

The proposed conference of Australasian Grand Lodges was approved and the Grand Secretary appointed as their delegate.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April 17, 1907.

It appears from a minute that the proposed conference of Australasian Grand Lodges was indefinitely postponed.

Sir S. J. Way, G. M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

33rd Communication, Lead, June 11th, 1907.

Robert H. McCaughey, G. M.

He opened three new lodges, and on the condition of the Craft he says :

As a Grand Lodge we have reason to rejoice in the knowledge that we are at peace with all the world, as well as for the general prosperity that prevails among the Craft. From the reports of the various lodges it appears that our membership has reached 6,675, or a net gain during the past year of 341. The steadily increasing numbers is a source of satisfaction, and the stronger we become the greater is our responsibility.

An intermission was held, at which a delegation of ladies from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was introduced:

At this time Bro. Frank A. Brown, P. G. M., made an especial presentation of Mrs. Madeline V. Conkling, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the World, the Supreme Officer of the General Grand Chapter O. E. S., who was visiting the Grand Chapter of South Dakota, and who accompanied the committee from that body. She was received with prolonged applause, and in the "taking little speech" which followed she paid a glowing tribute to Masonry, telling what it had meant to her in early years when death robbed her of a parent's love and care. She also complimented South Dakota on being one of the first states to recognize and exchange annual greetings with the Order of the Eastern Star. Very few times had she enjoyed the privilege of addressing the members of a Grand Lodge.

Bro. Samuel A. Brown gives our Proceedings of 1906 a very excellent notice, with several extracts. After quoting some of our remarks about the Scotland and Queensland controversy, he says:

Scotland meanwhile has a gold mine. It can sue in the courts and take all the property and funds of the departing lodge. The last one yielded a juicy morsel of \$2,500.00.

In his review of Connecticut we are given some interesting historical information:

Our brother says that American Union Lodge received its first charter from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Our own information is that American Union Lodge was erected by John Rowe, Provincial Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston. It was an army lodge and to be held in the "Connecticut line." This lodge in 1799 inaugurated a movement for a Grand Master of the United States, and in 1780 nominated General Washington for that position. The idea was received with some favor for a while, but never engaged any considerable popularity outside army circles. At the close of the war all army lodges seemed to dissolve. The Master of American Union Lodge retained the custody of the charter, as he was authorized and required to do at his installation. He had closed his lodge "to stand closed until the W. M. should call them together." He settled in Ohio at or near Marietta. There were some members in that section, and he called them together and opened the lodge. An effort was made to maintain it as an independent lodge, but no official recognition was given it except as a subordinate of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. When the Grand Lodge of Ohio was formed it flirted with them for a number of years until it was finally declared clandestine, after which it died. An effort was made to revive it, with the aid of some of its members, but the substitute lodge soon ceased to exist. After the Morgan excitement had subsided, and a revival of interest in Ma-

sonry appeared, the Grand Lodge of Ohio in 1843 voted to revive the substitute lodge and its name from that time has been borne upon the books as No. 1.

In his conclusion Bro. Brown strikes a new chord well worthy of serious consideration:

The appalling destruction of life, and the frightful maiming incident to railway travel are the continually increasing features of daily life which crowd upon our attention. The agonizing cries of the wounded and dying, and the more piteous moans of the widow and orphan. The dismayful feeling that nothing is being done. The directorate and the management accuse the operating brotherhoods, while they in turn lay it to the owners. The United States Government is devoting itself to the comparative trivialities of rebates and discriminations by means of freight charges. The individual States spend the precious hours in the reduction of passenger fares. But who is devoting himself to the great undertaking of preventing the accumulation of the overwhelming total of victims annually sacrificed to the habitual neglect of all these people, placed in authority, to consider themselves answerable, as they ought, for the safety of those confided to their care? Discrimination and rebates are bad, but they only tend to interrupt the just distribution of wealth. Reduction in fares simply adds to the hordes of people who offer themselves as thoughtless victims of the methods now in use, proved to be destructive beyond all reason. Economy of administration, while it increases the dividends, contributes by so much to the total number of casualties. Forcing the employment of irresponsible members of the operating brotherhoods helps those organizations. But they all appear to weigh on the wrong side of the scales. Who is it that defends and protests the lives of those exposed to this imminent danger? Who represents the victims? All the great classes of people in authority seem to be devoting their energies to the protection of men's pockets. Can any thoughtful man deny that if every one in authority should make the safety of travel his uppermost thought a vast saving would be made? Can nothing be done to turn men's minds away from the contemplation of the mighty dollar to the far more important matters of life and death? I know that it is unlawful for Masonry to enter the arena of politics, but there is no political party which assumes to urge the slaughter of the innocents. Masonry does not hesitate to take upon itself the duty of caring for the injured and burying the dead. Why should it not assume also the duty of preventing their destruction? One question sent by every Mason to every one in authority, after each casualty, would have weight: "What did you do to prevent this particular killing and maiming?"

William E. Milligan (Aberdeen), G. M.

George A. Pettigrew (Sioux Falls), G. S.

TASMANIA.

At the 16th annual communication held at Launceston, February 22nd, 1907, it was resolved "Grand Lodge officers while in arrears of fees to Grand Lodge shall be ineligible for further Grand Lodge office."

From the address of the Grand Master at the semi-annual on the 29th of August we quote the following :

While on this subject, I would desire to offer my very cordial congratulations to the members of the Tasmania Operative Lodge for the public-spirited manner in which they have, after accumulating a considerable fund, decided to found a Masonic scholarship in connection with the Tasmania University for the next three or four years. The proposal is a very praiseworthy one, and I hope that the object they had in view will be fully appreciated. I would, however, like to remind all the lodges that one of the great objects of our Benevolent Fund, and which is freely taken advantage of, has been the education of the children of Masons who, from misfortune or inability, have not been able to provide properly to start their children in life. It seems necessary to mention this fact, in passing, because it might be inferred from the handsome scholastic provision which the operative lodge has promised that one of the great objects of our Fund of Benevolence was being overlooked.

Most of the lodges are in a prosperous condition and evince a commendable loyalty to the ancient landmarks of our Craft.

The 17th annual communication was held at Hobart on February 28th, 1908.

Hon. C. E. Davies, G. M.

A number of distinguished visitors were present, and to the address of welcome we quote the response of the Deputy Grand Master of New South Wales :

R. W. the Deputy Grand Master of New South Wales said : I am directed by our M. W. Grand Master, His Excellency Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, to convey to you the heartiest good wishes from himself and the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. It was in New South Wales that Masonry originated in Australia in 1803, at a place called Sydney. (Laughter.) This is the second time that a Mason has been sent to Tasmania by the Governor of the State, for on the 16th May, 1803, there was a Mason sent here—being deported to Tasmania by the then Governor—because he was a Mason. In 1803 there was a meeting of some men of a ship of His Majesty King George III. in Sydney, and they desired to form a Masonic lodge there. They petitioned the Governor to allow them to form a lodge, and he immediately deported the principal offender to Tasmania. (Laughter.) From that incident

it is gratifying to find that Masonry has so grown in this little island of yours. In May, 1803, when a number of good Masons met in Sydney they were all arrested and brought before the "beaks" the next day; but the bench finding that there was really nothing against them in the way of trying to create treasonable offences, they were discharged. We were all glad, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that you were with us when we celebrated our centenary on 16th May, 1903. The first lodge in Australia that actually practised Freemasonry was our lodge Australia, formed under the Irish Constitution in 1816, and on my own behalf and the brethren of New South Wales I invite you to come to Sydney in 1916, when Lodge Australia will celebrate her centenary. In 1828 the English Constitution was established in Sydney, and in 1843 the Scotch thought they would have a lodge under the Scotch Constitution in Victoria, and in 1861 St. Andrew's Lodge under that Constitution was opened in Sydney. On the 25th June, 1890, some of us of New South Wales had the pleasure of coming here and installing your first Grand Master, His Excellency Lord Carrington, our Grand Master, coming over to instal the late M. W. Bro. the Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris in this very building, and I am pleased to say, though 18 years have rolled by, I am accompanied on this occasion by two officers of our Grand Lodge who were present on that occasion, Bro. Coffill and Bro. Toomey. In 1884 there was established the Mother the Grand Lodge of South Australia, in 1888 the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and in 1889 the Grand Lodge of Victoria was inaugurated; then in 1890 the Grand Lodge of New Zealand; and I am sure we are all particularly proud to see so distinguished a representative of it here to night. As Grand Master Chief Justice Way once said, it was an anachronism for a state or colony with responsible government to remain in a state of Masonic dependence; that was the spirit which imbued the brethren of these States to form Grand Lodges, and I hope the question of the reorganization of the Grand Lodge of Queensland will be settled and that it will not be long before we shall be able to meet as brethren of every Grand Lodge in Australia and New Zealand.

The Pro-Grand Master visited a number of the lodges and found the work to be of a high standard. He was struck by the number newly initiated therein, and cautions the brethren to admit none but good men and true. Harmony exists in every lodge he visited. Very much good is being done by the Lodges of Instruction. The stranger has not been forgotten, and every worthy brother has received relief.

The wisdom of the policy of appointing Assistant Inspectors to look after the outlying districts has been amply justified by the results.

Hon. C. E. Davies, G. M.

John Hamilton (Hobart), G. S.

TENNESSEE.

94th Communication, Nashville, January 29th, 1908.

George E. Seay, G. M.

The Grand Master's address is an extensive record of his official acts. Peace and harmony prevail. He visited a large number of lodges and made a large number of decisions.

From the report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home we quote :

The annual picnic and barbecue, given on July 4th was a grand success in every way. The day was an ideal one, and every arrangement necessary had been made to insure a good time for everyone attending. Eight hundred dollars was cleared from this source, which is deposited to the Treasurer's credit in the First National Bank, this city. An address from the Grand Master, full of wisdom for the Craft, and of interest to all, concluded the exercises of the day. The local lodges and some of the out-of-town lodges worked hard for the success of this picnic, and many thanks are due them, but without detracting one bit of credit from them, we think that the ladies of the Eastern Star simply outdid themselves, and too much cannot be said in praise of their efforts.

We commend the following to our railroad corporations as a good example worthy of emulation :

We wish to acknowledge with thanks a refund of \$279.66 from the Louisville and Nashville Railroad being the freight charges on five cars of coal from Empire, Ky.

In connection with the Home an additional grant of \$2,000.00 was made to last year's appropriation of \$10,000 to enable the directors to purchase the additional 90 acres required for the enlargement of the Home farm. They have 23 widows, 46 girls, 43 boys at the Home, as well as 9 assistants.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta, Queensland, Saskatchewan and Western Australia received recognition, and the applications of Valle de Mexico, Greece and Paraguay were held over.

Bro. Henry A. Chambers reviews our Proceedings for 1906.

Milton H. Price (Memphis), G. M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G. S.

UTAH.

36th Communication, Salt Lake City, Jan. 15, 1907.

Sidney Watson Badcon, G. M.

The Grand Master reports that the Craft in this jurisdic-

diction is in good condition, financially and otherwise. Peace and harmony prevail. One new lodge was organized.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

Action on the recognition of the Grand Lodges Valle de Mexico and Alpina was deferred.

We congratulate Bro. Christopher Diehl on his birthday honors, and hope he may long live to enjoy further proofs of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren :

On the 21st day of March, 1906, I passed the 75.4 mile post on my life's journey. To the Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers and Brethren coming from near and far, who remembered the day and presented me with a beautiful set of cut and ornamental Rhein wine glasses, the feelings of my heart and my gratitude are best expressed by a quotation from Longfellow : " This was my birthday, and a happier one was never mine."

Bro. Diehl is now the Doyen of the Corps of Grand Secretaries, having served in that capacity since 1872.

In his report on Correspondence he characterizes the address of Grand Master Burritt as a dignified Masonic document.

27th Communication, Salt Lake City, Jan. 21st, 1908.
William James Barrette, G. M.

In the Grand Master's address we find a touching reference to the struggles of the early Masons in that territory as it then was :

A little less than forty years ago there foregathered in this city of the Saints as faithful and brave a band of pioneers as have ever helped make history. This was then an Egypt whose king knew not Joseph. Only a few short years before had the Union Pacific, whatever its unsavory record may have been, made connection between the east and far west, and furnished reasonable facilities for touch with the " folks back home." The sage-brush still frowned at cultivated vegetation ; nature herself still resisted the encroachment of man's dominion. Of the people who were then here, a majority so great as to leave the minority hardly worth recalling, were of those whose training, prejudices and habits of thought and life rendered them out of touch and sympathy with the purpose of that gathering.

In such inhospitable and forbidding surroundings in such cheerless and chilling atmosphere did those brave pioneers come together to lay the foundation for a Masonic Grand Lodge in the then territory of Utah. How broad and deep was the foundation they laid, we of to-day have ample proof. They builded better than they themselves knew—all without hope of fee or reward, but in the love they bore the fraternity of which they were part and in the love of mankind itself.

I sometimes wonder whether we now in our day of almost flaunting prosperity, in our day of beautiful temples and large memberships and many degrees, do not fail to give full credit to those early toilers in the vineyard who bore the heat of the day at a time when it seemed still a serious and disputable question whether liberty and Masonry should ever become constituent elements in the fiber of this commonwealth.

We also make the following extracts :

The human failing which impels a man to follow the line of least resistance, and to ask some one else to decide a point upon which he is in doubt, when he could by a little study, decide it for himself, has furnished me the usual crop of questions to be passed upon. Most, if not all of them could be answered by making reference to the proper section of the Code, and were thus disposed of. No one of them involves a decision which justifies recording or specially commenting on to you.

I urge that the brethren study the Code more ; it would even be better to run the risk of developing a few contentious parliamentarians and statutory constructionists, for the sake of leavening the loaf, than to go along presenting the same or similar perennial questionings.

On the whole a healthy growth has marked the life of the constituent lodges during the year. In each of the lodges there is enthusiasm, good feeling and good fellowship. Only one lodge in the jurisdiction received no new members, another received but two, and another but three. But these lodges have done better than merely increase their membership ; they have kept the faith. The particular problem in the civic life of this State reaches the acute stage in these communities, and the material from which only can our membership come is limited there. Enthusiasm seems not to wane with them, however ; at Hiram Lodge, No. 12, for instance, though three of the principal officers, including the two Wardens, have to drive distances of from seven and a half to ten miles to reach the lodge, they are always on hand. This should furnish food for reflection for some of the officers and members of our larger and stronger lodges who can be turned away from their lodge meeting by the most trivial circumstance.

New lodges were opened at Bingham Canyon and Milford, Beaver County.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Valle de Mexico were recognized. Action on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Alpina and the Grand Orient of Greece was deferred.

The Grand Secretary reviews our Proceedings of 1907 in his report on Correspondence. We quote from his conclusion :

In the preparation of the foregoing report we have been guided, as in former years, by what we regarded as the wants

of our Utah brethren. We are not vain enough to claim that the work is without faults and perfect, nevertheless we implore our brethren to read it. Reading Masonic literature makes the perfect Mason. Every Mason should be a reader, a thinker, a student as well as a practitioner of the other virtues inculcated in Masonry. The century grows upward, not downward, and Masons should be in the front of the procession that moves towards the dawn of day and the glorious light. And to be in the front they must read and keep posted of the important matters annually transpiring in the Masonic world.

James Henry Brown (Salt Lake City), G. M.
Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G. S.

VERMONT.

114th Communication, Burlington, June 12th, 1907.
Charles A. Calderwood, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says :

The same general condition of harmony that has prevailed in Vermont during the past few years still continues. This is not the harmony of inactivity and sloth ; for in nearly every lodge rough ashlar are being shaped, smoothed and fitted for the builder's use. More and more, I believe, is the question being asked, "What is the ideal of Masonry?" and "How may I better realize it in my life?" The spirit of earnestness and sincerity so prevalent is encouraging to all lovers of the Craft and bodes well for the future.

The past year has seen 608 initiations and shows a net increase in membership of 276.

It was decided not to legislate on the subject of requiring documentary evidence from visitors.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins gives our Proceedings for 1906 a very excellent notice.

Charles A. Calderwood (St. Johnsbury), G. M.
Henry H. Ross (Burlington), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

50th Communication, Tacoma, June 11th, 1907.
Edward F. Waggoner, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is an excellent resume of his official acts. He evidently has the interests of the Craft at heart and makes several suggestions in the line of improvement.

Six new lodges were granted dispensations, one of them at Ketchikan in Alaska.

Recognition was deferred of the Grand Lodges of Guatemala and Valle de Mexico.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on Correspondence :

Resolved, That we fully recognize the legitimacy of Master Masons made in lodges of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in countries where that is the dominant Rite, and welcome them to the right of visitation and affiliation, under the usual Masonic restrictions, the same as if made in lodges of our own obedience.

The report of Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick goes exhaustively into the subject and recommends that the proposition be not adopted. We have only space for one extract :

In many of the countries the Scottish Rite is said to be a political factor. This, it is asserted, is especially so in Catholic countries, and considering the unsettled political conditions prevailing in places where this rite is dominant, it seems to me that it would be unwise to recognize or affiliate with Masons hailing from these countries, for that would be, in effect, an approval, perhaps indirect, of what such Masonic bodies stand for, and we have nothing whatever to do with either the religion or politics of any country. But the greatest, and it seems to me an insuperable objection to this resolution, lies in the fact that we believe in Supreme Grand Lodge Jurisdictions and in many, if not all of these Scottish Rite Jurisdictions, there have been attempts by our Masonic brothers to establish independent and supreme Grand Lodges. In some they have succeeded, and when it has been made plain that they are independent they have been recognized. In others they have failed, but the work will go on. This movement is a step in the direction of universal Masonry, to the end that brethren of Ancient Craft Masonry may fraternize and affiliate wheresoever dispersed. They are fighting advancing to our lines, and for us to say now, when the battle is on, that we will recognize and affiliate with Masons from Scottish Rite Jurisdictions, as contemplated in this resolution, would destroy every inducement and incentive on the part of those there domiciled to establish independent lodges with Sovereign Grand Lodges, for the real purpose of such independence, visitation and affiliation would be thus accomplished.

A motion to adopt the District Deputy Grand Master system was laid over till the next annual meeting.

Bro. W. H. Upton, Past Grand Master, died on November 3rd, 1906, at the early age of 52. He was a remarkable man in many respects, and his great ability made him a power in the Craft. The esteem in which he was held by the brethren is evidenced by the elaborate services held, and also the eulogy delivered in the Grand Lodge.

In his review on British Columbia Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick has the following on the recognition question :

If he believes that at least a majority of the lodges should subscribe to the new Grand Lodge, and he undoubtedly does, for in recommending Alberta he suggests that fact as a prerequisite complied with, we would like to go further and ask how he expects a majority to concur when it is made a Masonic offence to even discuss the matter. The Masons referred to as under suspension were guilty of no real offense, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland has no right to expect the American Grand Lodges whose rights it so ruthlessly ignores to respect its edicts of suspension or non-intercourse, when it has prohibited good men and true from conversing Masonically with legitimate brethren. If the present position of the Grand Lodge of Scotland be sustained no Grand Lodge could ever be organized in new territory against the will of the Mother Grand Lodge. Upon chartering a lodge it could issue an edict denying the right of members to discuss the formation of a Grand Lodge, and thus forever prevent the occurrence of a majority.

In his notice of our Proceedings for 1906 he gives Grand Master Burritt the following compliment :

It would be useless to reprint all of the rulings of the Grand Master, for all of them are in accord with our law, but we cannot refrain from saying that his work shows him to be a Masonic student as well as a lawyer of rare ability.

Under Connecticut we quote :

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, by persistent effort, and, as we believe, by misrepresentation, obtained recognition from first one Grand Lodge and then another, so that at the present time many Grand Lodges seem to have lost all inclination to enquire into its antecedents or present condition and are content to recognize it because a certain number of other Grand Lodges have recognized it. When a majority have succumbed to her wiles it is to be presumed that we will all tumble over ourselves to get in line, so as not to be the last. There is another expression in Bro. Barlow's report, and that is his reliance on the fact that it has been recognized by the Grand Lodge of England.

"The Grand Lodge of England" has been held over us all these years as an open sesame to more trouble than can be measured in the span of one generation. It was this dictum that plunged us into the negro question and kept us there for several years. It was dinned into our ears at Grand Lodge and sung without ceasing in our Correspondence reports.

The fact that our acts would be applauded by the Grand Lodge of England although the record does not indicate that our idiocy was noticed by it, was enough to rob us of our reason, and following that "fool theory" we deliberately affronted every Grand Lodge in the United States.

And what of the Grand Lodge of England? It is true that it is our Mother Grand Lodge, but is it more able or learned in the mysteries of Freemasonry than are our own Grand Lodges? Does it at all compare in its jurisprudence with a dozen or more American Grand Lodges—our own, for instance?

There is less of worth and value to the Masonic world in her published reports than there is in the proceedings of any American Grand Lodge. "The Grand Lodge of England" is a sentiment, a notion, a bogie, and its decision is of no use to us until it is passed on by some of the American reviewers in whom we have learned to confide.

Yielding all that is due, admitting its antiquity, and the veneration due the Mother Grand Lodge, we must nevertheless admit that the Grand Lodge of England is a foolish old grandmother grown childish with flattery. She has been a sort of a freebooter in the Masonic field, and has never until forced to do so by the current of events yielded her own authority, and then in a petulant way. Next to Scotland, she is entitled to the least respect of all the English-speaking Grand Lodges.

The Grand Representatives were received with customary honors, and in his response Bro. Chas. D. Atkins, instead of the usual flow of compliments, took the opposite course and condemned the system in the following trenchant remarks :

There is no doubt but that many members of this Grand Lodge have wondered, as I have, of what use is this system of Grand Representatives. From a practical standpoint, I can see none whatever ; from that viewpoint, I consider it as entirely useless, and, if no other than a practical purpose justifies its existence, it is utterly ridiculous. Who has ever heard of a Grand Representative being made the medium of communication between Grand Lodges, which is his reasonable and practical function. Grand Representatives are supposed to represent the bodies from which they receive their commissions, but is it not a fact that, when a few years ago we were involved in a great controversy with other Grand Lodges the very ones who were supposed to present our case before their Grand Lodges were the ones who assailed us in the most virulent language ? On the other hand, who would imagine, in case of a difficulty arising between this Grand Lodge and the one from which I am honored with a commission, that I would support that body in preference to this one ?

The system is so little regarded in some quarters that frequently brothers are carried on the roll of Grand Lodges for years after they have gone to represent us in the Supreme Lodge above.

We have also to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the second edition of the Masonic Code of Washington a very valuable compilation.

Ralph Clapp McAllaster (Seattle), G. M.

Horace Walter Tyler (Olympia), G. S.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Quarterly Communication, Perth, July 27, 1906.

Right Rev. J. O. L. Riley, G. M.

• The address of the Grand Master is so apropos that we make no apology for the following long extract :

Again we meet, I trust, under the divine guidance, to carry out our Masonic duties and thus to advance one step more towards the realising of our great ideals of brotherly love, relief and truth. We assemble under happy auspices. We are progressing, we are happy, we are longing to be more brotherly. We have, judging by our past wonderful history, a good hope for a prosperous future. Our progress, naturally, at present is not by leaps and bounds, as it used to be, but it is steady and sure. The State is becoming more settled and its population increases at a steady rate ; so does our Constitution. At the present time there is not, in my opinion, room for any more lodges, for new towns are not now being continually formed as was the case a few years ago, and in every existing town of any considerable population there is now a lodge established.

With reference to the subject which is always uppermost in our minds, viz., the union of all other lodges in the State with our own, I will only say this, another lodge, the Fingal, has joined our ranks, and I understand that others are thinking of doing the same. The personal friendship between the vast majority of Scotch Freemasons and ourselves is of the most cordial nature. In fact, I never hear an angry word or an ill-natured remark, and I honestly believe that if it were not for a few men, who, out of a mistaken idea of loyalty 'o Scotland, fight earnestly against union, there would be no Scottish question to consider.

I do not know that I can be convicted of disloyalty to England because I helped to form a Constitution for Western Australia any more than a man can be said to be disloyal to his parents who takes to himself a wife and founds a new home. It cannot be too often repeated that when Scotch Freemasons join us they are not giving up Scotland for England, but are joining a new Constitution in which they form a not inconspicuous part. It appears to me to be a cause for regret that supposed loyalty to England, Ireland or Scotland should compel Freemasons to forget the claims of Freemasonry in Western Australia.

At the Quarterly Communication held in Boulder, October 26th, the Grand Master informed the brethren that one new lodge had been formed at Ravensthorpe and another lodge had transferred its allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized.

At the Quarterly Communication held at Perth, January 25th, 1907, the following resolution was adopted :

That the resolution of October 28th, 1904, which states "That upon the Grand Lodge of Scotland granting full territorial recognition to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia without reservation of a right to establish further lodges in this territory, the M. W. Grand Master is hereby empowered to immediately remove the edict of non-intercourse from all Scottish lodges erected in this State between the 27th February, 1900, and the present date" be hereby reaffirmed.

One new lodge was organized at Port Hedland.

The Grand Inspector made 140 official visits during the year and reports great improvement in the ceremonial work.

The report on Correspondence is the joint work of a committee of six. Canada receives a very fraternal notice at the hands of Bro. J. S. Battye. After quoting our remarks about Scotland he says :

The Grand Lodge of Scotland might with advantage paste this in his hat, so that whenever it bares its head in courtesy to others—if it ever does so—it will be able to read it.

We copy part of their conclusion, with congratulations on their excellent work :

Whilst we congratulate our brethren abroad upon the clear sky of their Masonic affairs, we in Australia have still our clouds, and to that is to be attributed the avidity with which we have seized upon the fraternal expressions concerning our difficulties. The Grand Lodge of Scotland still presents a stern forbidding front towards us as well as towards Queensland.

We sympathize with our Queensland brethren, for their Grand Lodge has been the first to feel the incidence of the recent agreement between the three Grand Lodges of the old country, all of whom have so far adopted the attitude of non-recognition. We hope the difficulties will soon be adjusted, and the principles of Masonry be given that living force of brotherhood which at times they almost seem to lack.

Right Rev. J. O. L. Riley (Perth), G. M.

J. D. Stevenson (Perth), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

43rd Communication, Parkersburg, Nov. 13th, 1907.
Tom G. Strickler, G. M.

The Grand Master's address for the year shows him to have been a very zealous and efficient officer. He made numerous visits and organized two new lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Action on the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle

de Mexico, the Grand Orients of Greece, Brazil and Paraguay, and the Grand Logia of Chili, was indefinitely postponed.

Bro. H. R. Howard reviews our proceedings for 1907. and is thoroughly in accord with Grand Master Burritt's views on nearly every point. On the subject of canvassing for office he has the following :

The Grand Master condemns the system of open canvassing for office, and takes the true position, which he says is laid down in the ancient charges that "all preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only." and adds that "office obtained by personal canvass is one of doubtful honor," while the Committee of the Board of General Purposes thinks the advice given on the subject by Bro. Murray several years ago, is the proper thing : "Cast your vote against instead of for the candidate who thus improperly approaches you."

From his conclusion we quote :

First. That the disposition manifested among the radical members in some of our Grand Lodges, more especially in the United States, to engraft upon the fundamental laws of the Order new fads, copied and borrowed to a great extent from other associations and societies of modern origin, is condemned by a very large percentage of Grand Lodges, as a departure from the conservative ways of "the fathers," and forbidden innovations upon the landmarks and ancient charges. I mention as prominent among some of these innovations: the initiation of persons unable to comply with the ritual without the aid of artificial limbs and appliances ; reducing the work of the ritual to cipher, whereby the same becomes legible and intelligible to themselves and others and authorizing its use ; changing the Ancient Charges as to the qualifications necessary of a candidate, by prescribing the business he may not engage or be engaged in and the requirement of documentary evidence in addition to the time-honored way of making one's self known as a Mason.

Second. That there is a lack of uniformity as to what constitutes legitimate Masonry, some holding that Masons made in Scottish Rite Consistories or in symbolic lodges of Scottish Rite origin, are irregular and illegitimate, while others equally as well informed hold to the contrary doctrine ; some contending that if there is no Grand Lodge of symbolic Masons, and the Scottish Rite the controlling Masonic authority of the country, that then the Masons made in that country are regular and legitimate ; some that Grand Lodges formed by lodges owing allegiance to Scottish Rite Masonry, although having thrown off their allegiance and declared themselves free and sovereign, are outside the pale of legitimacy and should not be recognized ; and this leads up to what Bro. Robbins, of Illinois characterizes as Recognized, Unrecognized, and Recognizable Grand Lodges, some Grand Jurisdictions recognizing Grand Lodges declared unrecognized and some

again denying recognition to those declared recognizable, and even some of those named as recognized are refused recognition on account of illegitimacy by Grand Lodges with which we and many other Grand Lodges are in fraternal correspondence. "And so, there you are, Hinnissey; what are you going to do about it?" I have no remedy to suggest, and it is supposable that every Grand Lodge will, as heretofore, "pick its company," however much it is to be deplored.

Third. That the cause of benevolence and charity among Masons goes on apace, being fostered and practiced to a greater extent than ever before.

Fourth. That Masonry throughout the world is steadily on the up-grade financially and in numbers, and gaining strength and respect among all classes of our fellow-men.

James A. Bryan (Parkersburg), G. M.

Hiram R. Howard (Point Pleasant), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

63rd Communication, Milwaukee, June 11th, 1907.

Edwin J. Farr, G. M.

The Grand Master visited a number of lodges and most of them are in a healthy condition. Good progress has been made in securing uniformity of the work, and better care is noticeable in discrimination of candidates. We quote part of the conclusion of the excellent address of the Grand Master :

It is unnecessary for me to say to the Craft in closing my address, that for fifty years my life has been devoted in my humble way to the adherents of the tenets of this, our beloved brotherhood. It is a noble heritage to be a Mason and we should all strive as best we can to so live that all its precepts be exemplified in our daily lives.

Masonry is one of the links in the great chain of human existence. Its influence upon the hearts of men who have come within its dominion and who have come under the warm sunlight of its affection is among the most benign offered to mankind.

Masonry has been a source of light to all men in all countries, and its teachings the most rational and intelligent in aiding to create the highest order of moral ethics. Man's highest duty is to family, his country, and God, and these Masonry has always championed. The one important thought among the Craft should be the moral influence it exerts upon the community, and the great body politic. We should be proud that we occupy so enviable a place in the hearts of our fellow men and our fealty in the future to society and God will depend upon our devotion to all the tenets and precepts of our beloved fraternity.

A resolution was adopted for the appointment of an official stenographer for Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that :

The Constitution and edicts of the Grand Lodge do not prohibit the use of robes and stereopticons, but we are of the opinion that their use adds nothing to the impressiveness of the teachings of Masonry, but rather distracts the mind of a novitiate from the beautiful and impressive lessons taught by Masonic symbolism.

Queensland was recognized.

General John G. Smith was present as a distinguished visitor. He was made an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and his address in response was a mighty inspiration not soon to be forgotten by those who heard it.

In his review of our Proceedings for 1906 Bro. Aldro Jenks has the following :

That the Grand Lodge of England has not been precipitate in granting official recognition to Grand Lodges created by its subordinates in the provinces is evident from a statement made by Grand Master Burritt that this "favor" had just been extended to the Grand Lodge of Quebec "after thirty years of weary waiting." This incident shows how futile it is to expect, and how unjust it is to wait for official recognition of new Grand Lodges created by any of the subordinates of the Grand Lodges of England or Scotland. When a new Grand Lodge has been created, according to the unwritten law of Freemasonry, it is useless to wait for either of these mother Grand Lodges to lead off in the matter of official recognition no matter how much we may wish to be courteous to them.

The claims of justice in according to lodges in unoccupied territory the right of self government are superior to the claims of politeness toward a Grand Lodge that ought to grant recognition but will not.

On the subject of Masonic Homes we find the following under Connecticut :

The Grand Master expressed the wish that every Mason in the State might visit their Masonic Home in order that its excellent qualities might be seen and appreciated. We learn that the membership is being taxed seventy-five cents per capita per annum to sustain it; that additional accommodations are imperatively needed, and a tax of five dollars upon each person raised in the lodges was proposed for its support. This latter measure failed of adoption. We have no doubt that the Connecticut Masonic Home is a well conducted institution and should be a source of pride to the Craft, yet a comparison of methods may be indulged in by Wisconsin Masons.

In Wisconsin the work done by a Masonic Home is accomplished through a Grand Lodge charity fund of ten cents per capita per annum. The membership of the two Grand Lodges is practically the same. Our fund is found to be more than ample to meet every demand made upon it, while Connecticut,

with a tax of seven and one half times as great, finds hers insufficient. What is the cause of this marked difference? We know it is not occasioned by Wisconsin neglecting her duty to care for Masons in distress, for we know of none having claims upon Masonic charity (who have not ruined themselves by their own vices) who are not receiving all the assistance needed by them. We cannot believe it is due to Connecticut having seven times as many deserving Masons dependent upon the Craft for support.

With us every dollar raised for charity goes to assist those needing assistance. Where a Masonic Home exists a large part of the annual tax goes to defray the expenses of getting this money applied to the purpose of affording relief; salaries of superintendent, matron, physicians, teachers, men servants and maid servants, bookkeepers, trustees, treasurers, to purchase land, erect buildings and keep them in repair, to buy furniture, horses, asses, cows, machinery of all kinds etc.

With us we simply supplement the exertions of the individual assisted, who is encouraged to do what he can for his own support. In this he is frequently assisted by those related to him by blood or marriage. Where a Home exists when once a person becomes an inmate of it he or she does nothing to support themselves, while their relatives congratulate themselves that the individual has gotten into the Masonic Home and is being cared for by the Masons. Thus the entire cost of their support falls upon the Craft instead of only a small proportion of it. For these reasons we much prefer to afford relief through a charity fund.

Spencer M. Marsh (Neillsville), G. M.

William W. Perry (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

34th Communication, Lander, September 4th, 1907.

Peter S. Cook, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is concise and very much to the point. He opened a new lodge at Lusk, and made a number of able suggestions for the good of the Craft. We quote from his opening:

Prosperity seems to be the watchword all over the country and in every line of employment. Our workmen, ranchmen, farmers and business men have all been prospered beyond anticipation, and the Masonic fraternity has kept pace with this prosperity. The population of our State is increasing so rapidly that it seems impossible to realize it all. Of course, all of this tends to create a generous feeling and may cause us to overlook the necessary qualifications which should be possessed by every man who seeks Masonic preferment. Masons are bound by the principles of their art to demean themselves as good members of society; as quiet and peaceable citizens; to be true to their government and just to their country. Brotherly love, relief and truth are the massive columns which

support the Masonic edifice, and while sincerity and fair dealing are the faithful sentinels, there can be no avenue for deceit and falsehood. Truth is a divine attribute and is the foundation of every virtue, the basis on which we form our friendships and establish our connections. Justice, temperance, Fortitude and prudence are the four cardinal virtues in which every Mason should endeavor to excel.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we get the following :

In concluding this report it may not be out of place to allude to the fact that I have served as your Grand Secretary in conjunction with every Grand Master of this jurisdiction except the first nine. If I have ever created a note of discord in the official family of the twenty Grand Masters under whom I have served, I do not remember it, and during all these years in which we have been making Masonic history for our subordinate membership and this Grand Lodge I have received many tokens of the esteem and friendship of those who from time to time have been members of this Grand Body, all of which I assure you is and has been greatly appreciated and will be kindly and sincerely remembered as long as my lamp continues to burn.

We note with pleasure that he was unanimously re-elected for the 21st time, so he certainly must be the right man in the right place.

A resolution recognizing the Grand Lodge of Queensland was adopted, and we quote the report prefacing the resolution, as it contains an able resume of the case :

The question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland having been laid over from last annual communication, for the purpose of further investigating the matter of notices to all lodges in Queensland regarding the time and place of a meeting to consider the formation of a Grand Lodge, your committee most respectfully reports that the claim of said Grand Lodge that all of said lodges were notified and had ample knowledge of said meeting has not been disputed, so far as your committee has been able to discover. It is, therefore, reasonable to assume and your committee is of the opinion that said claim is true. Accepting such to be the fact, then the thirty-nine lodges represented at and participating in the meeting and formation of said Grand Lodge were legally qualified to do so. All the other lodges in that territory although composing a large majority of the lodges therein, having failed or refused to take part in said meeting and if opposed to the formation of a Grand Lodge, failed or refused to prevent its formation, are, along with all other Masonic powers, estopped from claiming, with any show of reason, that it was irregularly formed and, therefore, not entitled to recognition. When to this is added the recent agreement between the Mother Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland that hereafter no new Grand Lodge in the colonies or elsewhere for that matter, shall be recognized by either unless

two-thirds of all the lodges working under warrants or charters granted by each shall join in forming such new Grand Lodge, and not then unless all three of said Grand Lodges agree to recognition, then, in the opinion of your committee, it is time for all other regular Grand Lodges to extend recognition to every Grand Lodge hereafter formed as in this or in any other legal or regular manner without waiting for recognition by said Grand Lodges, which they have hedged about with conditions which are not only un-Masonic, but will, as intended, prevent either of them from recognizing any new Grand Lodge.

Under all the circumstances, your committee believes that said Grand Lodges have placed themselves without the pale of any further extension of courtesy in this case, and believe for that and other reasons stated that recognition should at this time be extended to said new Grand Lodge.

A beginning was made for the foundation of a Masonic Home, the sum of \$500.00 being set aside as a nucleus for the fund.

Besides his other qualifications, Bro. Kuykendall is a first-class reviewer. He quotes freely from our Proceedings for 1906, and on one subject he well says :

In this connection it seems singular how many Masons there are who seek to have law set aside to fit some special isolated case the foundation for which they are probably responsible. They seem forgetful of the fact that if the power existed to set aside plain provisions of the law on a given subject, the Grand Master would be deluged with applications to do likewise in similar special cases touching nearly every phase of Masonic law, and, as the Grand Master well says, chaos would be the result.

In his concluding remarks he strikes a note of warning :

Having again completed the labor of reviewing all proceedings which have been received since our last report, we deem it a duty to call attention to the oft-repeated expression, "that there is more danger to Craft Masonry from within than from without the fraternity," and we know of no greater danger at this time than the question of the recognition by our Grand Lodges of others claiming to be such, and the further claim in a few quarters that every Mason has the inherent right to recognize as a brother Mason any person claiming to be such, notwithstanding the fact that his Grand Lodge has not recognized the Grand Lodge to which such claimant owes obedience, or, having recognized it, has broken off all relations therewith and with all its membership and interdicted Masonic intercourse between all Masons of the two jurisdictions. There is no question about all legitimate Masonry having its start from the Grand Lodge of England. Such being the case, either the Masonry on this continent has departed widely from the original plan, which

we do not believe will be admitted, or the present Masonry on the continent of Europe has departed therefrom to such extent in nearly every way as to establish two very different kinds of Masonic belief, teachings and principles. We do not believe there can be two brands of regular Masonry, and the universality we hear so much about must be of one brand or the other. If of the brand holding fast to the three great lights as the first and main requisite of regularity, freedom from being in any way a political machine, independent of any and all control of the government of the country in which they exist, as well as that of any other Masonic power or body, and free from entangling alliances with clandestine as well as irregular Masonry, then such universality should only include and be extended to those so holding, otherwise it will only be a question of time before all legitimate Masonry so holding fast to the original plan, will become contaminated with some, if not all, the heresies practised by clandestine and irregular Masonic bodies which shall have been recognized and included in the far-reaching word "universality." We believe, as expressed in former reports, that several so-called Grand Lodges have been recognized here and there which are not entitled to be hailed as in the universal class, and that the limit of recognition has already been reached so far as many bodies seeking recognition is concerned. We are further of the opinion that the heresy of the claimed right of the individual Mason, and not his Grand Lodge, to determine the status of Masons owing obedience to Grand Lodges not recognized by the latter, as regular, should be given attention before it spreads beyond the few who have advanced that doctrine in the face of the obligation they have assumed.

F. S. King (Laramie), G. M.

W. L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G. S.

We are indebted to Bro. J. T. Barron for the following valuable table of statistics from review of Correspondence for South Carolina :

GRAND LODGES	Date	Number of subordinates	Number of Members	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Dropped, Suspended, and Expelled	Died	Net Gain
Alabama	1906	445	18191	1975	935	281	965	339	323	1541
Arizona	1906	19	1394	125	44	6	31	21	21	102
Arkansas	1905	475	17480	1371	503	145	607	324	365	723
British Columbia	1906	38	3051	262	98	14	124	76	21	102
California	1906	380	33769							2208
Canada	1906	395	37628	2586	528	210	379	444	379	2663
Colorado	1906	107	11501	650	296	68	234	111	161	508
Connecticut	1907	110	20752	1128	97	39	100	94	384	663
Costa Rica	1905	7	207	40	2	3	26	6	3	2
Cuba										
Delaware	1906	22	2772	169	12	3	24	20	36	104
Dist. of Columbia	1906	31	7999	459	82	55	85	96	142	273
Florida	1906	153	6655	733	384	73	309	113	118	620
Georgia	1906	505	27620							2331
Idaho	1906	36	2251	159	112	5	70	38	31	195
Illinois	1906	743	79712	6617	1094	482	1710	803	1036	4686
Indiana	1906	531	45059	3415	780	198	873	432	656	2432
Indian Territory	1906	186	7540	961	580	88	557	173	99	802
Iowa	1906	505	36736	2170	690	266	1128	510	487	1007
Kansas	1907	374	28764	2178	742	180	907	277	404	1597
Kentucky	1906	501	28393	2497	639	429	913	609	392	1601
Louisiana	1907	172	10584	1117	216	54	319	143	184	714
Maine	1906	202	25889	1218	108	72	171	133	442	582
Manitoba	1906		4410	501	264	31	159	69	34	534
Maryland	1906	107	11580	841	120	32	96	68	160	523
Massachusetts	1906	239	50309	2955	293	84	355		751	1893
Michigan	1906	399	53795	3035	749	124	836	384	306	1924
Minnesota	1907	248	22014	1415	407	91	582	218	268	865
Mississippi	1906	305	13252	1270	606	175	538	247	253	1008
Missouri	1906	585	42954	2930	1081	365	1257	588	674	1857
Montana	1906	53	4421	2-5	104	41	142	83	6	194
Nebraska	1907	234	15729	976	308	122	428	228	207	566
Nevada	1906	22	1113	74	55	2	13	25	11	83
New Brunswick	1905	35	2200	135	14	14	62	13	29	59
New Hampshire	1906	79	9695	384	52	34	94	51	216	130
New Jersey	1906	180	24973	982	251	95	252	195	395	1486
New Mexico	1906	26	1629	137	74	5	56	15	21	141
New South Wales	1906	206	11141	1249	669		1061	124	102	631
New York	1906	772	139203	10071	993	1167	1102	393	2237	6516
New Zealand	1906	141	7231	777	321		488	147	67	662
North Carolina	1906	338	15523	1174	351	141	417	296	243	950
North Dakota	1906	74	5567	506	131	17	231	56	34	323
Nova Scotia	1906	66	4715	417	72	39	115	47	56	286
Ohio	1906	507	65105	4397	667	1104	828	1092	879	3469
Oklahoma	1906	141	6777	903	352	43	355	82	58	737
Oregon	1906	109	7659	455	205	57	180	88	95	355
Pennsylvania	1906	456	75273	5283	897		504	439	1218	4024
Prince Edward Island	1906	14	635	47	8	4	24	2	6	27
Quebec	1906	56	5000	446	99	31	118	114	56	288
Rhode Island	1906	37	6176	322	20	16	26	44	114	174
South Australia	1906	44	2799	166	79	19	182	93	33	66
South Carolina	1906	206	10403	1001	275	91	277	100	162	839
South Dakota	1906	108	6336	466	206	30	243	80	74	383
Tennessee	1907	431	20986	1382	639	167	746	250	345	807
Texas	1906	743	39126	3181	1694	350	4056	616	673	856
Utah	1906	11	1270	88	25	13	28	16	23	
Vermont	1906	103	11802	559	93	21	142	62	206	267
Virginia	1906	287	16091	1206	418	165	439	117	235	968
Washington	1906	137	9880	748	423	70	227	142	112	883
Western Australia	1906	76	3684	325	252		282	102	21	162
West Virginia	1906	129	11006	1050	216	61	228	79	140	883
Wisconsin	1906	254	23118	1348	254	99	422	237	289	867
Wyoming	1906	23	1951	178	50	9	67	16	24	142

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Costa Rica.	1906	North Carolina. . . .	1907
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Delaware.	1907	Nova Scotia.	1907
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Georgia.	1907	Prince Edward Is. . .	1907
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Illinois	1907	Queensland.	1907
Indiana.	1907	Rhode Island.	1907
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Ireland	1907	South Australia . . .	1907
Kansas	1908	South Carolina. . . .	1907
Kentucky	1907	South Dakota.	1907
Louisiana	1908	Tasmania.	1907-8
Maine	1907	Tennessee	1908
Manitoba	1907	Utah	1907-8
Maryland	1907	Vermont.	1907
Massachusetts.	1907	Washington.	1907
Michigan	1907	W. Australia	1907
Minnesota	1908	W. Virginia.	1907
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Nebraska	1907		

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All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

Collingwood, June 1st, 1908.

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